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# Palestinians hesitate but agree to attend talks



Ashrawi: peace process

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

PALESTINIAN negotiators will attend Middle East peace talks in Washington next week, although they have delayed their departure after the arrest of two members of their delegation by Israeli

Although PLO officials said last night that the delegation would be in place by February 24, the Pales-tinian hesitation coincided with renewed cross-border artillery exchanges between Hezboliah and Israeli gunners. The discontent of the Palestinian delegation was set out by Hanan Ashrawi, spokeswoman for the Palestinian delega-tion, who accused the Israelis of deliberately attempting to sabotage

Minister urges new referendum

the talks by their arrest of Mohammed Hourani and Jamal Shobaki, two West Bank Palestinian professors selected for the first time to attend the talks. The whole peace process cannot

be maintained while there is a very clear violation, not only of Palestinian rights, but of the very integrity and principles underlying the pro-cess," she said. "From all indica-tions the peace process is on the brink of collapse." The Israeli delegation spokesman, Benjamin Netanyahu, countered by accusing the detained men of "organising terror-ist actions", and demanded that the Palestinians choose whether they wanted to take peace or wage war. We of course have the right and obligation as a responsible govern-ment to stop these people and pre-

vent such destructive activity as this, he said. Although all the previous rounds of bilateral talks have been preceded by posturing and point scoring, first by the Israelis in December and then by the Arabs in January, the latest threat has been compounded by the wors-ening security situation along the Lebanese border.

Israelis living in northern Galilee were on the receiving end of about 40 Katyusha rockets fired in the early hours of yesterday morning by Shia Muslim Hezbollah gunners, who targeted another 25 projectiles into the Israeli-controlled security zone. Israeli artillery positions retali-ated by shelling Shia Muslim villages east of the southern port city of Tyre, which Lebanese civilians have been fleeing for two days, since the

assassination of the Hezbollah leader Sheikh Abbas Moussawi and his family on Sunday by two Israeli Apache helicopter gunships. Lebanese sources in the region claimed that the Israeli helicopters attempted a repeat operation yesterday when they fired rockets into the home of Hezbollah commander Ali Ezzedine, at the village of Zawtar al-Gharbiyeh, wounding his daughter. Israeli political and military leaders predicted they would not hesitate to step their actions if Israeli towns continued to be hit. Speaking in the northern Israeli border town of Kiryat Shmona, Moshe Arens, Isra-el's defence minister, predicted that

the attacks cycle of attacks and reprisals would continue.
"I am sure they are going to try.
We are going to try to stop them," he said. "I think one thing is clear - if there are going to be disturbances towards the civilian population in the northern part of Israel, it is not going to be easy on the other side of the border.

In the current tense atmosphere the slightest provocation from Hezbollah, such as the execution of the captured Israeli air force navigator Captain Ron Arad, could be enough to lead to an all out war. with Israeli ground forces going into action outside the security zone. A leaflet distributed by the fundamentalist group Islamic Jihad-Palestine, yesterday: "Slaughter the Jews with your knives and your sickles."

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# Dixville Notch speaks to **America**

The 31 voters of a New England village are basking in rare glory, reports Martin Fletcher

he first votes of America's 1 1992 presidential elections were cast in the first seconds of yesterday in this remote community on the Canadian border by the world's

31 most-cosseted voters. Ten days ago, Neil Tillot-son, aged 93, a millionaire who owns the town's one hotel and factory, was visiting his rubber plantations in Guatemala when he received a personal call from President Bush asking for his support. John Sununu, a former governor of New Hampshire and White House chief of staff, drove up to this snowbound region of bears and moose and delivered a signed photograph of the president to Warren Pearson, the hotel

Throughout Monday Patrick Buchanan, Bob Kerrey and other presidential candidates telephoned as many of the inhabitants as they could

Just as New Hampshire, by holding the country's first primary, wields an influence on the presidential elections out of all proportion to its size, so tiny Dixville Notch, founded in 1805, traditionally wields a disproportionate influence on the primary by declaring

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# Reynolds calls all-party talks over abortion

Ode to joy: Irina Ratushinskaya, aged 37, the Ukrainian poet and dissident who was told by her KGB torturers she would never have children, yesterday cradling twin sons, Sergei and Oleg, born last week at St Thomas's hospital, London. She and husband Igor Geraschenko came to Britain in 1986

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ALBERT Reynolds, the

Irish prime minister, yes-

terday offered to hold ur-

gent talks with opposition

leaders about the case of

the teenage rape victim

who has been refused the

right to have an abortion.

ministers conceded for the

first time that a new referen-

dum on the subject may now

He issued the invitation as

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Striking out

German workers are taking to the streets to demand more pay as union militancy rises while the country's economy falls into recession...... Page 10

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One of the centrepiece pa-vilions of the Expo World's Fair in Seville, due to open n two months, has been destroyed by fire... Page 10

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Up to 10,000 Russian and Jewish prisoners of war were slaughtered in a twoday 'conveyor belt' opera-tion near Minsk, a Scottish court was told....... Page 5

### Ulster talks

John Major has brought forward a meeting with Albert Reynolds, the new Irish prime minister. because of the upsurge in violence in Northern Ireland. The two leaders will meet in London next week to discuss the security situation and the prospects for political progress.... Page 2

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survived to old age

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

rights and women's groups have called for the constitution, which forced Mr Whelehan's intervention, to be changed. The pro-life provision in the constitution, which leaves no scope for exceptional circumstances, was inserted after a referendum in 1983. Mr Reynolds told the Dail that he wanted party leaders

abortion in Britain.

to join him for discussions "on the general issues as distinct from the special and tragic circumstances of the case". He seemed to accept that nothing could be done to help the girl after Monday's High Court ruling restraining her from travelling abroad during the next nine months.

That judgment is long and detailed," he told the Dail, "and it would not be productive for us in this house to jump to immediate sol-utions. The whole matter, involving as it does the most basic human rights and specific provisions of our constitution ... requires the most careful and detailed consideration."

Within hours of his statement, Bobby Molloy, the minister for energy and one members of cabinet, said he hoped an all-party solution could be found but it was

SENIOR Conservative MPs

last night called for a new

watchdog for Lloyd's of

London to allay public con-

cern about the regulation of

They said that the govern-

ment should be ready to re-

quire Lloyd's to implement

the central recommendation

of the "task force" enquiry

into Lloyd's that the institu-

tion's marketing and regula-

tory functions should be

The idea was originally re-

jected out of hand by the

council of-Lloyd's when it first

responded to the investiga-

the insurance market.

creasingly bitter dispute after Harry Whelehan, the Attor-"inevitable" that a new refer endum would be held. "I ney General, was granted an can't speak for the governinjunction preventing the ment, but I would be in favour of a new proposal which would result in a referengirl, aged 14, from having an Opposition leaders, civil dum." he said.

Mr Molloy's comments reflect the widespread belief in Dublin's political circles that the Dail may be unable to legislate to qualify part of the constitution. Many people also believe, however, that a second referendum on so emotive and divisive an issue should not be contemplated and may well not succeed.

The prime minister's invitation came amid a deepening sense of anger and emharrassment among the mi ority of more liberal-minded Irish people who regard the state's intervention as reprehensible and absurd. In an editorial, The Irish Times railed against what it believed was an unacceptable invasion of an individual's human rights. "What sort of state [the Irish republic has it become that in 1992, its full panoply of authority, its police, its law officers, its courts are mobilised to condemn a 14-year-old child to the ordeal of pregnancy and childbirth after rape at the hands of a 'depraved and evil man'?

Dick Spring, the Labour leader, drew attention in the Dail to the "frightening consequences" of a ruling that Continued to page 18, col 3

Lloyd's watchdog urged

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

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tion but the institution has

since disclosed that it is now

under consideration. There is

scepticism among Tory MPs

over recent allegations of mal-

practice. However, they

believe that the claims them-

selves have been damaging

and that confidence needs to

Marjorie · Mowlam,

Labour's City spokesman, said the task force proposal did not go far enough. "There

should be proper indepen-

dent regulation," she said.

### Nuclear subs crash in **Barents Sea**

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A Russian nuclear-powered submarine hit an American nuclear boat cruising in the Barents Sea, it was disclosed yesterday. The Russian vessel's periscope, bridge and

As the collision was con-

# Long-term jobless increase by 93,000

rose by 93,000 during the quarter to January, the biggest increase for almost a decade, according to government figures issued yesterday.

The rise was half as big again as that in the three

the biggest percentage rises have been in the South-East, including East Anglia, and the South-West. The number claiming benefit for a year or more in the South-East has reached 185,800, up 87.5 per cent over the past 12 months. In the South-West

land, which had increases of 5.4 per cent and 8.4 per cent. The concentration of rising long-term unemployment in what were among the most prosperous regions reflects overall unemployment increases. Last month, the number of people out of work in the United Kingdom rose by 122,000, to 2,674,000, or 9.4 per cent of the workforce. The jobless total has risen by 714,000 in the past 12 months. Some of the biggest month-on-month increases were in the South-West and East Anglia.

The number out of work for a year or more is at its highest since January 1989, although still 45 per cent below the last peak, in April 1986.

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ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION AGENCY SPONSORED BY TUSK FORCE

# By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent THE number of people out of Northern Treland and Scot-work for more than a year land, which had increases of

deck house were damaged.

The accident happened as the USS Baton Rouge was at periscope depth and the Russian submarine was rising to the surface. The Russian captain was apparently unaware of the boat above, in spite of the good sonar conditions in

firmed yesterday by an offi-cial travelling with Richard Chency, the US defence secretary, on a visit to Guatemala, a Russian admiral accused the American submarine of operating inside the 12-

months ended October last year, and takes the number of unemployment benefit claimants who have not worked for a year or more to 747,000. Long-term unemployment was higher in all regions, but

the rise was 91 per cent.

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Daggers drawn, page 2 Leading article, page 15 Continued on page 18, col 4 The smallest rises were in Scientists seek Churchill's secret of long life

ege of Physicians. Why some people

survive to old age against the odds is being investigated by Steve Humphries, newly-appointed British Heart Founda-

tion professor of cardiovascular genet-

ics. "Winston Churchill is the classic example of a man who survived into very

old age despite the odds," he said. "His

longevity poses the question of whether

he was blessed with protective genes



Churchill: smoked and

BY THOMSON PRENTICE MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS are seeking a "Churchill gene" that may protect from heart disease despite an unhealthy lifestyle. They believe that something in Sir Winston's genetic make-up helped him to reach the age of 90, although he had almost all of the risk factors that lead to heart attacks and premature death.

Churchill consumed vast amounts of alcohol, smoked huge numbers of cigars and was stressed by the burdens of wartime leadership and political office. He was short, overweight and aggressive and had been born prematurely. four more ingredients in the recipe for According to some calculations, his

daily intake of champagne, cognac and whisky amounted to 22 units of alcohol.

compared to the maximum of 21 units a

week recommended by the Royal Coll-

that enabled his survival." Professor Humphries, of University College and Middlesex School of Medicine, central London, is a leading researcher into the hereditary causes of heart disease, especially familial hypercholesterolaemia, which affects about 100,000 people in Britain. About half the male sufferers develop heart

disease by the age of 55. The illness is known to be caused by defective genes. "We also need to dis-cover why some people are protected against this and other forms of heart disease. The defects are not always passed from parent to child," the pro-fessor said. "If such genes could be identified in the general population, the information gleaned from them would cast valuable light on how to treat patients at high risk.

"We need to have long-term studies involving perhaps 10,000 healthy men and women who could be followed up to monitor the genetic differences be-tween those who develop heart disease and those who don't." But Professor Humphries discour-

aged the notion that Churchill could be a role model for those who, through scientific advances, might discover they had a genetic defence against heart disease. They would be unwise to tempt fate by over-indulging in tobacco, alcohology for the second hol or a fatty diet, he said. "Such knowledge should be the basis for sticking to a healthy lifestyle rather than adopting

Child

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soaring

Child snatching by parents

either to or from England

and Wales has risen twelve-

fold in five years, according to

statistics from the Lord Chan-

cellor's department (Frances

The rise in the seizing of

children by a parent reflects

growing ease of movement

across international borders.

The department, the cen-

tral authority in child abduc-

tion cases, received 16

applications in 1986 on be-

half of children abducted to

or from England and Wales.

Last year the figure was 191.

Yesterday, the department published a booklet Child Abduction outlining the steps a

parent should take if a child is abducted and what help is available.
Of the 350 children

snatched since 1986 to counvention, 159 have been

**Bungling** art thieves jailed

Two men who tried to steal Van Gogh paintings worth £130 million from the Nat-ional Gallery in London were

jailed yesterday.
Philip Neasham, aged 22,
of Haywards Heath, West

Sussex, was jailed for four years, and Jason Wilkins, aged 21, of Atherstone, War-wickshire, for three years and

eight months. Before the raid

last May their getaway car

was damped on a double

yellow line. They tried to free it, drawing the attention of police who found a burglar's kit including two grenades and a plan of the gallery.

Peer's archive

A rich archive of family papers risks being dispersed at auction. The papers, owned by Lord Brownlow,

include letters from Henry

VIII and Gladstone.
The peer is offering the papers, kept at Belton House,

Lincolnshire, to the county

council for £250,000. It has

until autumn to raise funds, and so far has £120,000 from

donations, including a pledge of £70,000 from the National

Heritage Memorial Fund. Chris Johnson, county ar-chive manager, said: "It would be uniorgivable if we

City challenge

THE Prince of Wales has

launched a search for a city

prepared to match the success

of the great Victorian cities in

using science and technology

to serve the people. A new award, similar to the Europe-

an City of Culture, might be established to reward cities

that best encourage innova-

tion and wealth creation from

science and technology, the

prince's Working Group of

Robber jailed

An armed robber who stole more than £20,000 from

It building societies, to pay

off a gang attacking his home

and family because he had

informed on associates, was jailed for 12 years yesterday.

Ronald Davies, aged 28, of

West Norwood, south Lon-

don, was arrested when he

was stopped for a traffic

offence and found to have a

Innovation suggests.

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the department says.

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# Daggers drawn as Tories do battle over Lloyd's

CLAIMS of malpractice in the Lloyd's insurance market have led to an unprecedented outbreak of internecine warfare among Conservative MPs at Westminster.

Tam Dalyell, veteran of many a battle, military and political, had seen nothing like it when he went to a meeting at the training school building at Lloyd's of London on Monday. Peter Viggers, Conservative MP for Gosport and a member of the council of Lloyd's, had invited MPs from all parties to hear the outcome of the "task force" which reported last month

on the market's operation. It had been arranged before the recent spate of claims of "structural rottenness" and suggestions that Lloyd's insiders had profited at the expense of outside investors. After the presentations by David Coleridge, chairman of Lloyd's, and David Rowland, chairman of the Sedgwick's insurance company and leader of the task force. the questioning was led by Paul Marland, Tory MP for West Gloucestershire, and Lord Alexander of Tunis, son of the field marshal of that name.

Both Lloyd's "names", they are the strongest parliamentary critics of Lloyd's operations. Mr Dalyell, the only Labour MP at the meeting, who went along as as "innocent seeker after truth", was shocked at the hostile attitude of the Tory questioners.

Mr Marland reportedly asked Mr Coleridge to state in which of his three capacities he was appearing: chairman of Lloyd's, the per-son responsible for the regulation of the market, or chairman of Sturge Holdings, "from which you earn £800,000". Lord Alexander MPs are reaching new depths of undignified behaviour over allegations of "rottenness" in the insurance market, Philip Webster reports

reportedly spoke of his heavy losses and asked whether Lloyd's had any sense of duty to its members. -One witness said: "The Spanish Inquisition had nothing on this."

As the interrogation proceeded Mr Dalyell finally intervened in stentorian tones. "In my. 29½ years as an MP I have never ever witnessed such gratuitous rudeness and bad behaviour," he boomed, bringing loud cheers from many of the Tories, including John Biffen, Hugh Dykes and Dame Peggy Fenner.

The incident was symptomatic of the tensions that have been aroused since the allegations last week on the Commons order

paper, that outsiders have been "dumped" into dustbin syndicates and become liable to substantial losses and bankruptcy.

Many Tory "names" were outraged when it was disclosed that their colleagues had colluded with . their Labour counterparts to bring the allegations into the open. The motions led to newspaper headlines suggesting "new scandals" at Lloyd's. Tory MPs complain the "leakers" are doing untold damage to the institution. More than 50 of them, including four cabinet ministers, are Lloyd's names. Ministers do not have to give up their membership because their inter-

ests are handled by agents and

At least two unnamed Tory MPs were involved in the leak to Labour by another Tory MP who was MP Brian Sedgemore, and front bench City spokesman Marjorie

Mowlam, of a paper put together by action groups representing ag-grieved "names" for a private meeting last Tuesday of the Tory backbench finance committee. . Mr Sedgemore was approached in the Commons library by a Tory

MP who told him of the document. It later arrived in the post. His first action was to throw it in the litter bin, but a second look showed that he had been given a piece of dynamite. Ms Mowiam received her copy

through the internal Commons mail but only used it after telephoning a Tory "suspect" to ascer-tain that he had indeed sent it to her. He told her that he had and

Sedgemore was later approached aware of his part in the disclosure.

A handful of Tory MPs are

known to have made substantial losses, one of them, it is alleged. around £250,000. The 300 syndicates have been hit by heavy claims resulting from a series of catastrophes, including the Piper Alpha North Sea oil disaster.

In the hard-bitten world of politics and business, there is little sympathy for the losers, even from their colleagues. One Tory MP said: "They went into the casino. They knew the rules. I did not hear them complaining in the good

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# Major and Reynolds to meet at No 10 to discuss the worsening violence in Northern Ireland

# London talks on Ulster speeded up

JOHN Major, the prime minister, is to meet Albert Reynolds, the new Taoiseach, next week for discussions on the deteriorating security situation in Northern Ireland and the prospect for political progress. it was disclosed vesterday.

The meeting, a week today is the latest in a series by Mr Major on the Irish question and follows discussions with the four constitutional party leaders from the province at Downing Street last week and with Robin Eames, the Church of Ireland Primate,

Mr Reynolds, who has spoken several times on the tele-phone with Mr Major about the latest killings in Northern

# Labour to spell out tax plans

By Philip Webster CHIEF POLITICAL

spending plans are expected to be spelt out in greater detail before the general election in a move designed to end uncertainty over them.

John Smith, the shadow chancellor, is expected soon after the Budget on March 10 to elaborate on Labour's commitment to bring in a 50p top rate of tax and to abolish the ceiling on national insurance contributions. He is expected to indicate the income level at which the new top rate will bite and the extent to which plans to raise the national insurance contributions of the better-off will be phased in.

The move marks a shift from Mr Smith's public pos-ition that he will not give further details before the election because he wants a free hand in his first Budget.

It is understood that Labour now believes that it can only gain by spelling out its plans with as much detail as is possible, although final decisions would depend on what it saw in the Treasury books once elected. With the Conservatives certain to make Labour's tax proposals central to their election assault, Labour leaders believe that they should underline the limited scope of the proposed changes and the pension and child benefit improvements that they would finance.

Ireland since he was formally appointed last week, will be renewing his acquaintance with the prime minister whom he came to know at EC meetings when both were fi-

Mr Reynolds said in th Dail yesterday that a planned meeting in London had been brought forward because of the changed situation in Northern Ireland. He said the Irish government was determined that those who resorted to violence would not

"The road ahead must be to see what initiative we can take to put us back on a path to peace," he said. Mr Reynolds has made it clear that he is willing to meet Unionist leaders at any time and anywhere to discuss how best to make

progress. Yesterday he ruled out any immediate change to articles two and three of the Irish constitution which lay claim to Northern Ireland. "It's too simplistic that the removals of articles 2 and 3 will solve the

problem overnight," he said. Those also attending hext week's meeting will include David Andrews, Ireland's new foreign affairs minister. Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary; and Tris-tan Garel-Jones, the Foreign Office minister.

Meanwhile, in Belfast there were expectations of yet more sectarian violence after the Irish Peoples' Liberation Organisation, the republican splinter group, killed a 17-year-old Protestant, Andrew Johnston, in retaliation for recent killings by Loyalist paramilitaries, including the murder of five Roman Catholics at a betting shop. He had no connection with the security forces. Mr Johnston's death came

hours after four members of the 1RA were killed by undercover soldiers - almost certainly the SAS - in an ambush at Coalisland in Co Tyrone. Two of the dead, Kevin O'Donnell, aged 21, who was acquitted on charges of possessing weapons with intent by an Old Bailey jury last year, and his former schoolfriend Sean O'Farrell also 21, will be buried in Coalisland tomorrow.

Patrick Vincent, aged 20. and Peter Clancy, aged 21, are expected to be buried near the town today . Police are still questioning one of the two members of the IRA team they captured. The other is in

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Trouble flares: burning vehicles in the New Lodge are of Belfast yesterday on the second day of sporadic rioting

# **London abortion** may cost £500

Many Irish women are prepared to pay the high price of travelling to England for an abortion, Richard Ford reports

MANY Irish women having abordons in Britain arrive alone and at weekends without enough money for the operation, according to advice organisations.

While many have learned about abortion agencies from a private telephone network operating in the Irish republic, some have been given information by sympathetic family doctors in the south.

Others, however, need room and companionship which is often provided by the Irish Women's Abortion Support Group, an organisation with people who will provide accommodation in London. Others, according to one doctor working with the British Pregnancy Advisory Service at Victoria, central London

The doctor, who did not want to be named, said: "Most come on their own and many are married women who have completed their families. They are often much more self-possessed than many English women
A survey carried out in

are much more self-assured.

1989 among 50 Irish women, who had abortions in England found that the chief concern of 38 per cent of them was travelling to London. Several of the women were worried about coming to the city as it was perceived as unfriendly and intimidating. The survey, by Dr Colin

Francome of Middlesex Poly-technic, found that armost a quarter were worned about the cost of having an abor-tion as they had to pay for travel, hotel rooms and the

Women arriving at the BPAS's Victoria centre are seen by counsellors for about 40 minutes. The counsellors putline what an abortion involves and enquire into their medical history and the reasons why they are seeking a termination. They are then seen by two doctors and if it is decided to go ahead, the women will enter a nursing home the following day for the operation. She must stay in the nursing home overnight before returning to Ireand the next day.

Tara Kaufmann, a spokesman for the advisory service, said that one difficulty facing counsellors was that there was little time to provide advice to women doubtful about abortion. "When a British woman is ambivalent about going ahead we send them nome to think about it. These Irish women cannot do that". The cost of the abortion is £250 but with fares and other bills many women face paying £500 or more.

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# "Dentists' to fall

By Jeremy Laurance HEALTH SERVICE CORRESPONDENT

Charges to patients for dental treatment are to be cut by 13.8 per cent from April under changes to dentists fees being demanded by the government.

The cut would reduce the cost of an examination from £3.75 to £3.30 and a medium filling from £7.95 to £6.75. The charge for a crown £56.25, would fall to £48.00.

Details of the cut emerged last night, less than a week after the government announced that prescription charges were to rise by more than 10 per cent to £3.75 per item. The maximum charge for a course of dental treatment is to rise from £225 to £250 but charges for individ-

ual treatments will fall. The reduction in the charges follows from a government proposal to cut fees paid to dentists. Last week the Doctors and Dentists Pay Review Body recommended an 8.5 per cent pay rise for dentists, double the rate of inflation, which would lift their pay from £33,010 to £35,815.

William Waldegrave, the health secretary, told dentists last week that because of a substantial overpayment this year they had already re-ceived more than the 8.5 per cent rise, and a cut would be necessary. Patients pay 75 per cent of the cost of treatment, so any cut in fees is passed on to them.

# GPs to get wider buying powers

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND JILL SHERMAN

A BIG expansion of GP fundholding will be unveiled to-morrow by William William Waldegrave, the health secretary, in an attempt to steal Labour's thunder as it launches its plans to scrap the government's market-based reforms of the NHS.

Mr Waldegrave will an-nounce that he is extending the range of services that fund-holders are entitled to buy on behalf of patients. In a move aimed at ensuring that patients are not forgotten when they are discharged from hospital, family doctors controlling budgets as big as £1 million will be given the right to purchase community

health services. Mr Waldegrave will make his announcement at a conference in London organised by the National Association



Waldegrave: defended recent NHS changes

Robin Cook, the shadow health secretary, publishes detailed proposals for eliminating "commercial" consid-

erations from the NHS. Under the scheme introduced a year ago, the services within the scope of fund-holding practices were limited to areas such as routine hospital surgery, diagnostic tests and minor operations. From April, all 600 fund-holding practices will be able to buy services from community nurses and district health authority health vistors.

GPs have been pressing for the change in an area widely regarded as one of the weak spots in the NHS. At present, many patients slip through the net because they are no longer the immediate responsibility of a hospital or a GP.

In the Commons yesterday Mr Waldegrave clashed repeatedly with Mr Cook over fund-holding. Mr Cook at-tacked fund-holding for producing a "two-tier" service in which patients referred by participating practices went to the head of the queue.

in Bath, all cataract operations had been cancelled apart from patients from fundholders, he said. "I call that a two-tier service and many GPs call that a two-tier service. It has no place in the health service."

Mr Waldegrave said that Mr Cook wanted to turn the NHS upside down and throw away all the gains made in the past few years.

loaded handgun. He admitted the robberies. **Hands** severed

Surgeons were trying to replace the hands of Sharon Jackson, aged 22, after they were severed just above the wrist as she operated a guillotine at a wallpaper factory in Lune Mills, Lancaster. The hands were placed in the ambulance which took her to a local hospital. She was transferred to a microsurgery unit at Withington Hospital, Manchester. Her condition was not known.

### **Princess visit**

The Princess of Wales will make a one-day visit to Rome today to meet Mother Teresa. Buckingham Palace said yesterday. The princess had hoped to meet her during a visit to Calcutta last week but Mother Teresa, who had a heart attack while visiting Mexico in December, was recovering in a Rome clinic. She had been considered too ill to return to Calcutta to meet the princess.

# **AN APOLOGY**

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# BBC to launch 24-hour satellite TV news casting revenue during the Nineties,

BY MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC is to launch a 24-hour satellite news channel to compete with Sky News in Britain, Sir Michael Checkland, the corporation's director-general, announced yesterday. He said the decision to launch the corporation's first new channel since the introduction of BBCZ 25 years ago, was the culmination of four years of investment in news and current affairs.

The new channel, paid for by subscription, would broadcast a mixture of home news from Television Centre and bulletins from BBC World Service Television, which was launched last autumn in 38 countries throughout Asia and was hoped to have a worldwide audience by 1993. "We will examine closely the

ways in which this service can be linked into a UK service," Sir Michael said. "It would be ironic if our viewers had to be in Baghdad or . Vienna or Oman to receive 24-hour news from the BBC, but not receive it at home."

Sir Michael, who would not give a launch date for the British 24-hour channel, said the BBC might look for a partner to set it up. "World Service Television is the most significant thing in my time as directoreneral I would like to see it firmly on the horizon before I leave. At low marginal cost we can develop these services in the UK during this de-

Sir Michael also said that the BBC was working hard to supplement licence fee income with subscription revenue, which he predicted would show the most growth of any broad-

reaching as much as £2 billion a year. But the BBC would not consider subscription for its existingservices.

☐ Conservative and Labour MPs have protested that some television viewers will be denied a national pastime watching England play in World Cup Cricket. An early day motion was tabled in the Commons last night by Labour MPs protesting at the decision by British Sky Broad-casting, which has exclusive rights to broadcast on Sky Sports, not to allow the BBC and ITV to broadcast more than one minute of cricket during each news bulletin.

The motion, tabled by Bruce Grocott, a Labour frontbenchspokesman and former television producer, said that the refusal would ensure that "the wast majority of

cricket lovers will be unable to view the series" Sky outbid the BBC last August

and has no legal obligation to provide rival broadcasters with longer highlights from the matches in Australia and New Zealand, starting this Friday

Sir Neil MacFarlane, a former Tory sports minister, said: "I should have thought it was in Sky's interest to recognise the wider requirement of the cricketing fraternity in Eng-

Gary Davey, BSkyB's deputy managing director, said: "We promised Sky subscribers the widest possible choice in sports and entertainment and that is a promise we intend to

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# 'He is delighted and I am on top of the world. There is no point in being angry or bitter'

# Man cleared of murder after 16 years in jail

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

STEFAN Kiszko, who spent 16 years in prison for the murder of a girl which he did not commit, was declared innocent by Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, at the Court of Appeal in London

The news that his conviction for the killing of Lesley Moiseed, aged 11, in October 1975 had been quashed was broken to him in hospital where he is undergoing treatment for schizophrenia

ment for schizophical brought on by his ordeal.
His mother, Charlotte Kiszko, a widow aged 67. who campaigned to prove his innocence, said from her home in Rochdale, Lancashire: "He is delighted and I am on top of the world. There is no point in being angry or bitter. Mistakes happen. All that I am anxious for now is that Stefan comes home as soon as possible and that the

real murderer be found." Mr Kiszko, aged 39, was jailed for life by Leeds crown court in 1976 for stabbing the girl to death on moorland near Rochdale after she had disappeared while walking to

a comer shop. However, at the end of the appeal. Lord Lane declared the conviction "unsafe and unsatisfactory" after hearing scientific evidence that posi-Mill De in tively ruled him out as the

> Lesley's killer left semen on her clothing but four leading endocrinologists told the appeal court that Mr Kiszko was ncapable of producing sperm found in the semen samples. The court was told that forensic science evidence exonerating him was avail-able at the time of his trial and police are now investigating why that material was

never shown to the defence. The hunt for the girl's killer: was relaunched yesterday by West Yorkshire police but it will be hampered by the unexplained disappearance of two slides containing specimens of semen taken from Lesley's clothing. The slides could have been matched against the DNA of the real killer. Genetic finger-printing techniques were not available at the time of Lesley's killing.

Lancashire force into the original investigation. Chief Supt Ken MacKay has been appointed to investigate the circumstances of Mr Kiszko's

Det Supt Trevor Wilkinson will re-open the murder en-quiry. People with informa-tion are asked to ring police on 0800 212392. Det Supt Wilkinson carried out the preliminary enquiry ordered by Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, into submissions by Mr Kiszko's

solicitors. Mr Kiszko, a former Inland Revenue clerk from Rochdale, who is of Yugoslav extraction, was jailed by Mr Justice Park on July 21, 1976, and spent much of his imprisonment in solitary confinement. An appeal in 1978 was rejected.

He will remain under treatment at Prestwich hospital, bailed last December pending the hearing of this appeal, until doctors feel he is well enough to return to his mother's home. His condition is said to be improving.

Lord Lane, sitting with Mr Justice Rose and Mr Justice Potts, said that the original prosecution case against Mr Kiszko had been "very strong" including alleged confessions to police.

The judge made no reference to the disclosure during the appeal by Mr Kiszko's counsel that his client's "con-stitutional infertility" had been known by the police surgeon but that the defence had been totally unaware of



Kiszko: schizophrenia brought on by ordeal



Wounds re-opened: Lesley Molseed's father Fred, her sister Julie and brother, also Fred, outside the Court of Appeal yesterday

# Victim's family relives horror

JULIE Crabbe wept outside court yesterday as she described how, during the appeal, she had relived the nightmare of her sister Lesley's murder (Michael Horsnell writes). She also expressed her sorrow at the false imprisonment of Stefan Kiszko.

Mrs Crabbe, aged 32, who broke down several times dur-ing the two-day hearing, said: This appeal has opened up all the old wounds for us. It's brought back all the memories of Lesley. She was a beautiful girl. Now everything has got to be re-opened to try to find the real killer. I just hope that over the last 16 years he has not killed anyone else.

She said that she felt terrible about Mr Kiszko's imprisonment. "How could anyone feel about this innocent man who has spent 16 years in prison? At least his mum knows that he will come home. Our Lesley will never come home again.

Lesley's father, Fred Andertold he definitely did not do it, my heart goes out to the

Dick Holland, the former detective who was in charge of the enquiry when Mr Kiszko was arrested, said: "Words can't express the regret I feel for the family and for Kiszko. But the enquiry was done diligently and hon-estly within the terms that were legally and scientifically available at the time."

Campbell Malone, Mr Kiszko's solicitor, said that substantial compensation would be sought. He said: He has been in prison for something he didn't do. He has lost the best part of his life, his career, future employment and promotion prospects. Obviously any com-pensation will be very

He said: "Stefan's case is a classic example of the way a miscarriage of justice can occ-ur when a prosecution rely on a confession made in the ab-sence of a solicitor, and of the need for defence solicitors to have facilities equal to those of the prosecution, including access to an independent fo-

Lesley's stepfather, Danny Molseed, said that he had volunteered to give a blood test to police after he was arrested and questioned last der. Me cialim had "played games" with him and driven him past the spot on the moors where Lesley body was found. He had insisted on giving a blood test to prove his innocence. Mr Moiseed said he was released on bail without charge and five months later was still waiting for the test results.

# Cabbies pull out the stops to save their good name

OVER mugs of tea and plates of egg and chips, London cabbies spent their lunch breaks yesterday working out a strategy to preserve their reputation as the safest trans-

port on the city's streets.

The rapes of two women passengers by the drivers of black cabs in separate incidents at the weekend have led to a £5,000 reward being

offered by cab drivers.

Minicab drivers, who are not under the control of the public carriage office and cannot technically stop for people who hail them, are also concerned. Cindy George, who ten years ago founded Lady Cabs, an allwoman cab company, said that her four offices in north London had been inundated with calls from women too frightened to take a black cab

Yesterday Scotland Yard disclosed details of an attack on a woman by a minicab driver two weeks ago. She hailed the cab in Camden,

London's taxi drivers are fearful that two rapes could deter women passengers, reports

Ray Clancy

be taken to an address near by. The driver, with blond spiky hair and a scar on the left of his face, trapped the woman inside his Vauxhall Astra by activating the cen-tral locking and drove to Friern Barnet. The man, who said his name was David, banged her head against the window, punched her, slashed her face with a knife

and tried to strangle her.
At the Russell Square cab
shelter in central London all the drivers agreed that from now on they would promi-nently display their shields --3in green and gold badges

with the driver's number. The drivers also urged cus-tomers to ask to see their bill,

further reassurance. "Any cab driver is quite happy to show his bill and his badge at the moment," said James Bell, aged 58, a cabbie since 1972. Another idea was a mini version of the licence with a photograph to be displayed on the windscreen.

Customers who want extra security can call a radio cab. "A lot of people don't realise that some black cabs are radio operated; there are at least half a dozen firms." Mr Bell said.

Drivers, convinced that the men responsible for the attacks cannot be licensed, are aware of how easy it is to steal a taxi or buy an old one. "It is simple to break into a cab. Mine has been broken into several times," Angela West, aged 32, one of the few women cabbies, said.

"Every driver has at least one tale of a bogus driver picking up foreigners and rip-ping them off. I had one chap at Buckingham Palace asking me the way," Bob Nicoll,

# Time-share 'oak' clock made of chipboard

A "GENUINE reproduction 18th century oak longcase clock" offered as a reward for people visiting a time-share promotion was made of chipboard and plastic veneer which had to be assembled, a court was told yesterday.

The false description cost the time-share promoters. Globe Link Marketing, fines and costs totalling £1,010 at Kingston upon Thames magistrates court. Surrey, after the company admitted two breaches of the Trades Description Act last

May.

Globe Link, the subject of an investigation by *The Times* last year into its high pressure selling techniques, has ceased trading, although the company still exists, its solicitor. Joanne Coomber, told the court. Kingston's chief trading standards officer. Ted Forsyth, said that the false description was included in a mail shot to a Kingston couple which said the clock could be collected by attending a two-hour sales promo tion by Globe Link at its

The letter failed to say that the clock was not oak or that the recipient would have to build it himself. Those were the two breaches of the act, he said. Mr Forsyth said that the couple had sat through the sales promotion, at which people were urged to sign contracts for a time-share and to give large non-refundable deposits, because they expected to receive a complete

oak grandfather clock. Miss Coomber said that the clock had been supplied by New Horizons Marketing, now in liquidation. Globe Link had contracted Horizons to attract customers to its time-share presentations but did not know what methods had been used. The companies were entirely separate and the quality of the clock did not reflect on the quality of the holidays. There had been no complaints of pressure on customers, Miss Coomber said.

"Globe Link would not con sciously do something that would give them bad publici-ty. Perhaps the description in strict English is not incorrect but I accept it might be mis-

# Stepfather 'killed girl accuser

Police also face an enquiry

by a senior officer from the

By DAVID Young

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A TEENAGER was forced to write a suicide note before being killed by her stepfather to stop her allegations against him of sexual abuse, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Joseph Nelson-Wilson, aged 34, denies murdering Martina Pratt, aged 14. The prosecution says that Nelson-Wilson faced police charges and taped wires to Martina's legs to electrocute her. Michael Stuart-Moore,

QC. for the prosecution, said that Martina's respiratory system "collapsed through exhaustion" from shocks. She had been forced, at her home in Southwark, south London, to write a note seeking "the forgiveness of her mother and her stepfather for all the things she had been saving about him which were, according to the letter, untrue". The trial continues today.

# **Recession blamed** for rising crime

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

STREET crime is rising in the inner city areas of London. because economic recession is adding to the difficulties of deprived communities, a senior Scotland Yard officer said vesterday.

Commander David Stevens, head of community relations, was commenting on the Yard's 1991 figures for notifiable crime recorded by the police which show an 11 per cent rise last year to a record 926,000 crimes. The general level of assaults had remained steady in recent years but Mr Stevens said that there was "no hiding the disturbing increase in street robbery - up by 21 per cent. It is going up in areas of London which are having a tough time in terms of eco-

nomic and social factors." He said that the police had at the same time to fight fear of crime prompted by offences such as street robbery where two thirds of those

arrested were under 21. Although street robbery may worry the elderly and women, men are usually the victims.

A breakdown of the 23,700

offences last year shows that more than 60 per cent of victims were under 30, half were not injured, fewer than 1 per cent suffered serious injury and in 75 per cent of cases

no weapons were involved. The figures show rises of 18 per cent for rape to 1,160 cases and a 66 per cent rise for domestic violence incidents to more than 8,500. Both increases are attributed in part to the increased work by police in these areas. The rape figures include 30 vic-tims under 10 of whom six

were under five. Autocrime represents a quarter of all recorded offences. Two thirds involved theft from cars rather than taking the vehicles. Forty per cent of those arrested for autocrime were under 18.

# Boy held after losing his head

By PETER VICTOR

A football supporter who disguised himself in a gorilla suit and breached a court curfew to see Middlesbrough play ran out of luck when his team scored. He threw the gorilla head in the air and was spotted by a police officer who was watching the match

at home on television. The excitement of the 80th minute goal in the Rumbelows Cup fifth round replay proved the undoing of the boy aged 16 who, under bail con-ditions, was not allowed our between 9pm and 8am.

Unfortunately for him it was 9.05pm and he was at least two miles from home when a camera zoomed in on the jubilant gorilla during the match against Peterborough. The youth was arrested and Teesside magis-trates yesterday remanded him into care until next Wednesday.

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# Corking send-off for final journey

BY ALAN HAMILTON

JUST as the pharaohs of ancient Egypt believed that they could take it with them — or at least should be well equipped and provisioned for their long journey to eternal rest - so too. apparently, did Helmut Neumann of Knutsford, Cheshire. But not for him a sarcophagus inside a pyramid stuffed with gold and other earthly treasures: just a bottle of bubbly

slipped inside his coffin. Mr Neumann, a German-born retired hotelier, evidently placed champagne above rubies. He drank a bottle every day and, like many others besotted with Dom Perignon's gift to mankind, was in the habit of saving the

Mr Neumann died aged 66 in October 1990 in a manner he would presumably have wished, if a little

prematurely, he was in the midst of a urmet tour of Ireland. Details of his will, released yesterday, disclosed that his last wish was to be buried with a magnum of champagne, together with a collection of 500 corks. He directed that one, and only one, beverage should be drunk at his funeral.

It is to be hoped that Mr Neumann's last journey, whether to a heaven where Mumm and Veuve Clicquot are on the house, or to a hell where the bar has run out of everything but Albanian selection du patron, was brief; his travelling supplies would have lasted barely two days.

and the corks were no doubt long beyond sucking. Mr Neumann did much to promote champagne in this country. He introduced to Britain the Ordre des Coteaux de Champagne, a club for origins to 17th century France, and became its first British consul, heading the order's northern section with some 70 fellow enthusiasts around Manchester and Cheshire. "Champagne meant everything to him," Ray Perks, the order's present consul-general in Britain, said yesterday.

Mr Neumann also directed in his will that £5,000 be set aside from his estate to provide an annual party for his friends in his memory. Needless to say, he specified what, and only what, should be consumed. The interest on the capital should be sufficient for 20 to 50 bottles per party, depending upon whether the celebrants prefer supermarket or the older fancy stuff.

Mr Neumann left the remainder of his £200,000 estate to his wife Jean and other members of his family more than enough for them to toast bubbly enthusiasts which traces its his memory.

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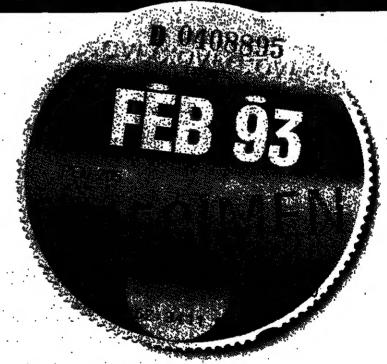
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# Slaughter of PoWs 'like conveyor belt'

served in a police battalion under German command during the second world war said yesterday that he saw Lithuanian and German officers standing with guns over a pit where a mass slaughter had taken place.

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Edvardas Goga, aged 78, who was an NCO in the battalion when it took part in the murder of up to 10,000 Soviet prisoners of war and Bolshevik commissars at a camp near Minsk, said that among the officers was Anton Gecas, a former junior officer in the 12th Lithuanian auxiliary police battalion.

Mr Goga, the third witness in the £600.000 defamation action being taken against Scottish Television by Mr Gecas, a naturalised Briton, told the Court of Session in Edinburgh that he did not see Mr Gecas, then a "tall, sports-like figure with a beau-

tiful build", shooting anyone. Mr Goga said that the twoday slaughter was "like a conveyor belt". His battalion was sent to the camp outside Minsk where they saw the "very frightening sight" of barracks surrounded by barbed wire fences. Inside they saw thousands of prisoners, mostly Soviet troops. "They looked hardly alive, they could hardly move. ... We were told there were 10,000

in the camp. The people in the camp were condemned to extermination, to be shot." Mr Goga said he and his fellow soldiers formed a corridor from the camp to the pits

A RETIRED farmer who which groups of about 120 prisoners at a time were driv-en to be shot. "It was our people and the Germans who took part in the shooting," he

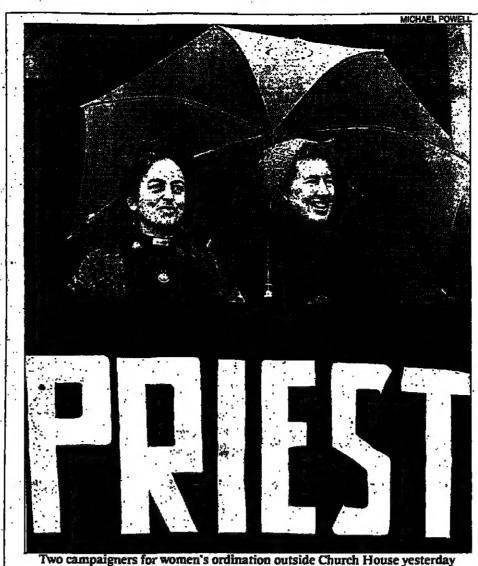
> Asked what Mr Gecas was doing during the shooting, Mr Goga said: "I was just in the guards' group and stood at a distance of 50 to 80 metres." He said that Mr Gecas was among the officers who had pistols in their hands but they had their backs to him: He added: "This operation went like a conveyor belt." He thought was britten was billed.

> every prisoner was killed.
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> Mr Goga also described how he and other troops were sent to Rudensk the previous sent to Rudensk the previous month to round up Jews. "Part of us encircled the township and others of us were told to inspect each house to see people's papers and, on finding Jewish nationals, to round them up in a square." He said the people were herded towards a gravel pit and shot, most of them by pit and shot, most of them by Germans, although Lithua nian troops took part. He said that between 150 and 200 people were shot that day. He could not remember Mr Gecas being there.

Mr Goga, who later spent ten years in a Soviet camp, said he had seen the invading Germans as liberators from Soviet domination. Mr Goga, who was flown from Lithuania to give evidence, said that he served in the battalion as he believed it had been formed to keep public order. After he witnessed the atrocities, his request to

be demobilised was granted. Bob Tomlinson, a journal-ist who helped to make Scottish Television's programme Crimes of War, which alleged that Mr Gecas was a war criminal, said that he began his investigations in 1986 after seeing a newspaper report about war criminals living in Britain. "I thought we were looking at the murder of 150 people at that time. We had no idea at all at that time

about what we were about to find out," he said. A film was then shown in which Mr -Gecas defended himself against the allega-tions in front of Mr Tom-linson. In it he denied being a war criminal and denied havwar criminal and denied having watched the murder of
150 people, assigning troops
as hangmen or ordering the
shooting of people in a dinch.
Mr Gecas said that he was
not involved personally in
such atrocities and that the
allegations, made up by the
Soviet authorities, had had a
terrible effect on his family. terrible effect on his family. The case continues today.



# Dioceses favour women priests

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Church of England is moving inexorably towards acceptance of women priests, the general synod meeting at Church House, Westminster, was told yesterday. Most bishops are in favour and support among clergy and fairy is around the two thirds majority needed in the final synod

vote in November. David McClean, chairman of the synod's house of laity, said that 38 of the 44 dioceses approved the draft legislation to ordain women. Voting in the dean-

eries told the same story.
"Nearly 7,000 took part in diocesan synod voting and over 32,000 voted in the deaneries synod, so these figures carry real weight." Professor McClean said. "The voting figures strongly suggest. therefore, that as at various dates last year, more than two thirds of the members of our church wished the legislation to go ahead, but that amongst the ordained members the level of support was marginally below

The synod has been de-

bating the issue since 1972. but yesterday's debate was the first by the present synod, elected in 1990. The synod voted overwhelmingly to take note of a report on the results of diocesan and deanery voting, although speeches from the floor showed divisions go as deep as ever.

The Rev Nigel Kinsella, from Lancashire, speaking for the one third of priests and laity still opposed to women priests, said: "What is overwhelmingly clear is that the opposition to this measure is not from the vociferous periphery of a

deranged minority."
The Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev David Jenkins, was strongly applauded when he urged the church to move forward and release "endless energy" by ordaining women. "There is always God, and he will see us through this."

Helen King, of Epsom. Surrey, said: "What these figures do add up to is very strong grass roots support for the ordination of women in the vast majority of dioceses and deaneries.

# Tow-away fees refunded

Motorists whose cars were towed away illegally because of a mix-up over parking restrictions are to have their £85 reclamation fees refunded.

Police and private tow-away squads treated streets in Birmingham as no parlong zones when they, were-pedestrianised last September. when However, parking restrictions did not become valid until December 23 when they received approval from the transport department. Signs only went up after that date.

### BP accused

Air BP, part of British Petroleum, and Morrison Biggs Hall, a building company, were committed for trial by Saffron Walden magistrates, Essex, over a 200,000 litre spillage of aviation fuel-that killed fish and birds on the river Stort.

### Car park bar

Plans to open a women-only multi-storey car park in Birmingham to reduce sex attacks have been dropped because of lack of demand.

### Sheltered life

A tramp has damaged a Bronze Age burial mound near Ringwood, Hampshire, by digging a hole in the top and covering it with planks for a makeshift shelter.

## **Minister** endorses ivory ban

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE government delighted conservationists resterday by defending the worldwide ban on the lvory trade, which will. be challenged next month by a number of African states.

Tony Baidry, the junior en-vironment minister, said that Britain would oppose resumed trade not only in ivory. but in all other elephant products such as hides and meat. In doing so, he headed off a dispute with the animal welfare lobby, which had ac-cused the government of wavering over the hides issue.

Mr Baldry, who will represent Britain at the conference in Japan of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, said that Britain would strive to keep the African elephant on the convention's list prohibiting all forms of trade, and would seek support from the rest of the European

Community. Allowing trade in hides, Mr Baldry said, would send the wrong signals to poachers and would give an incentive to cull in excess, so that an ivory stockpile could ensue. "You would start to see culling based on commerce and not necessarily for the benefit of the species," he said.

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# RHS launches new show for gardeners

By Alan Toogood Horticulture correspondent

PLANS for a new gardening show, the International Spring Gardening Fair, were unveiled yesterday by the Royal Horticultural Society and News International Exhibitions. The event will be held at the Wembley conference and exhibition centre, northwest London, over Easter next year.

The society's president, Robin Herbert, said at its annual meeting yesterday: Our partnership with News International brings tremendous media power to bear on the project and the flexibility of the Wembley facilities allows us to produce a range of floral exhibits, gardening seminars, demonstrations and related events."

Simon Jenkins, the editor of The Times, and Andrew Neil, the editor of The Sunday Times, said in a joint statement: "Gardening is among the most popular of leisure pastimes, particu-larly among our readers. We are confident of a mas-

sive response from them." The fair is intended to appeal to all levels of gar-

deners from the amateur to the experienced horticul-turist. One of its features will be its indoor venue. Products for enjoying and maintaining the garden will be on show.

The society also announced at the meeting that Hyde Hall garden. near Chelmsford, Essex. has been given to it by the Hyde Hall Garden Trust. 'Our intention is for the RHS to assume management of this garden in early

1993," Mr Herbert said. Hyde Hall, developed over the past 35 years, includes a nursery, a collection of roses, heathers and the national collections of Malus and Viburnum. The society plans to develop the garden and neighbouring farmland to 50 acres or more to include an arboretum, woodlands and meadows, and to make a feature

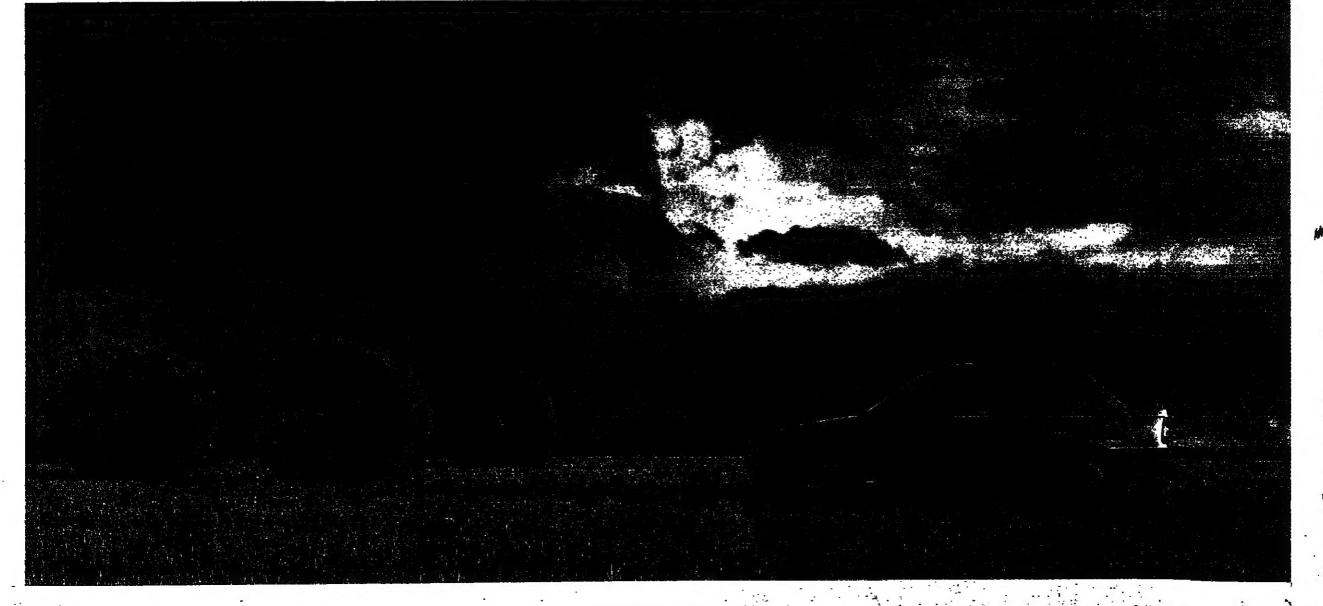
of East Anglian plants.

Hyde Hall will be the third garden owned by the society. Wisley, Surrey, was donated in 1903 and Rose-

moor, Devon, in 1988.

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# Early bird councils set poll tax bills up by 15.6%

BY DOUGLAS BROOM LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

POLL tax bills will rise in April by an average of almost four times the rate of inflation if councils throughout England follow the pattern set by the first 46 local authorities to declare figures for the coming financial year.

financial year.

Surveys by The Times and the Labour party show that only half a dozen councils have so far managed to keep poll tax rises at or below the 4.1 per cent inflation rate, with some planning rises of almost 40 per cent.

Figures released by councils so far, roughly a tenth of the total, give an average increase of 15.6 per cent. Changes range from a 38.6 per cent rise for Conservativerun Ashford council, in Kent, to a 9.6 per cent decrease for Labour-run Oxford. Tory-run Hove plans a 37 per cent increase and Labour-run Brighton a 29.5 per cent rise. All the figures have been approved by finance committees, but require ratification at full council meetings.

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when the mostly Labour London boroughs and metropolitan districts announce, over
the next fornight, their bills
for the most stations in April

for the year starting in April.

The figures suggest that the government's chances of achieving its goal of an average poll tax of £257 are foriorn, with the average likely to be closer £300 than to the government target.

government target.

While the Conservatives are waiting for big increases in

London and the main cities to reinforce their "Labour costs you more" claim, Labour seized on the figure to try to embarrass the government.

Bryan Gould, Labour's environment spokesman, said that the average rise for Conservative councils and those with no one party in control was over 17 per cent while Labour councils rises aver-

aged 6.5 per cent.

Mr Gould said the poll tax would harm the Tories at the general election. "The highest increases are in Tory and no-overall-control councils, not the Labour councils that populate the imagination of Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary," he said.

The flaw in Labour's analysis is that in many councils with no single party in control, the Tories have had no hand in fixing next year's politax. The Conservatives came off worst in last May's municipal elections, and many former Tory councils are now run by alliances of Labour and the Liberal Democrats.

Mr Gould said that the rises might tempt the government to delay the sending of bills, due out at the end of March, shortly before the widely predicted election dare of April 9. "I would warn them not to attempt that trick," he said. "Last year's decision to cut £140 off the poli tax delayed bills and cost local government £200 million. The public will not be fooled by a delaying tactic."



Bookworm's delight: Rachel Croft, of Book Aid, surrounded by thousands of books donated during National Book Aid week for the former Soviet republics. Two container loads will leave for Moscow next week and a third will follow early next month (David Young writes). As fast as books are sorted and packed at the charity's warehouse at King's Cross, central London, more arrive. Organisers estimate that the target of having a million books sent by the summer will be easily reached. Ekaterina Genieva, deputy director of the M.I. Rudomino

State Library for Foreign Literature in Moscow, visited the warehouse yesterday where volunteers were packing books. She said that the response had been incredible. "I have a staff of

eight in Moscow and we hope that we can complete the distribution of books to parish libraries, church libraries, kindergarten libraries and scientific libraries by September."



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Gillingham	NOC	173	239	38.0
Hove =	Con	197	270	37.0
Sevenozks ·	Con	174	237	36.5
Dover .	NOC	189	254	. 34.4
Canterbury	NOC .	194	259	33.5
Bournemouth	NOC .	208 256 -	274	31.7
Brighton	Lab	256 -	330 273	29.5
Castle Point	- Con	215	273	26.9
West Dorset	NOC	215	269	25.1
Bridgnorth	ind .	211	256	21.3
States Moorland	NOC	237	285	20.2
Pendle	Leb	218	259	18.5
S. Kesteven	NOC	200 226	237	18.5
Northampton	NOC	226	267	18.1
Lewes Rother	SLD	245 232	289 274	18.0
	NOC .	232	2/4	18.0
N. Kesteven	NOC .	200	238 277	16.0
N.Wilts	SLD	205 239 223	2//	15.9
Chelmsford	Con	223	256 239	. 15.0
Southend	Con	208	212	14.9
North Norfelk Broadland	NOC .	185 228	259	14.6
	Con	. 226 245	279	13.6
Wealden Chester	NOC	240	349	13.4 12.9
Taunton Deane	SLD	309 240	270	12.5
E. Dorset	Con	240	272	11.0
Fenland	Con	245 232	256	10.3
Maldon	NOC	211	231	9.5
Dacorum	Con	226	248	8.8
S. Norfolk	NOC	220	250	8.7
Norwich	Lab	230 277	300	8.3
Luton	Lab	250	267	6.8
Bury	Lab	296	315	6.4
Crawley	Lab	235	250	6.4 .
Forest Heath	NOC	235 217	230	6.0
Adur	SLD	265 -	280	5.7
Waveney	Lab	252	267	4.7
Chiltern	Con	259	270	4.2
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Hammersmith	Lab	247	250	1.5
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Sources: Times survey and Labour Party.

# Defendant had chat with juror

A jury was discharged yesterday after the defendant, Violet Lewis, had a cup of tea with a juror and asked her to find her not guilty.

The juror passed a note to Judge Lewisohn at Dorchester crown court 15 minutes into the trial on shoplifting charges of Ms Lewis, aged 28, of Poole, Dorset. Before the trial, Ms Lewis had asked the juror if she would be on her case. When the juror said she did not know, Ms Lewis asked: "If you are, please find me not guilty, love."

### Murder enquiry

Two French detective inspectors are in Britain investigating the murder of Malcolm Olson, who was found gagged and bound in an hotel room in Paris. The detectives began by interviewing staff at Southampton-Eastleigh airport where Mr Olson, aged 34, of Hamble, Hampshire, had been director for nearly five years.

### Diver hurt

A diver with the Royal Engineers was taken to hospital with hypothermia after his boat capsized off the Isle of Wight. Five others were unhurt. They had been inspecting Shanklin pier, damaged in the 1987 hurricane, with a view to demolition.

# Bra shop preyed on cancer fear

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

A LINGERIE shop has been rebuked by the Advertising Standards Authority for preying on fears of breast cancer in order to sell fitted

A full-page newspaper advertisement for Lady Starlight Bra Specialists, which claimed that the underwiring in many unfitted bras could cause breast cancer, was "a wholly unwarranted and irresponsible appeal to fear", the authority ruled.

Lady Starlight claimed that it had been researching bras for three years and had found evidence in Sweden of a link between underwiring and breast cancer. The advertisement, in the Hertfordshire freesheet The Link, said: "We believe that the Swedish government has issued a warning that wires could be detrimental to women's health... In the meantime, women are continuing to die of breast cancer."

When challenged by the

authority, the St Albans shop failed to provide any scientific evidence for its assertion. The Imperial Cancer Research Fund dismissed claims of any link between underwired bras and breast

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# Party leaders trade slogans in jobs row

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

IN BITTER electioneering clashes over the long-term jobless. John Major told the Commons yesterday there was no easy way of reducing unemployment, while Neil Kinnock turned an old Tory slogan on its head to insist that "Majorism isn't working".

In a series of exchanges between the party leaders, Mr Major appeared to distance himself from the comment last May by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, that recession and rising unemployment were a "price well worth paying" for getting in-

flation down.

An obviously irritated Mr
Major angrily rejected Mr tions that he too had expressed that opinion, and Downing Street confirmed later that only the Chancellor had done so. Labour said that the prime minister should have repudiated before what had been taken to be his government's opinion.

Calling it the biggest rise in ten years, Mr Kinnock said at

question time that 1.3 million people in Britain had been without work for more than six months and 750,000 of them for more than a year. 'Against that background. do you still dare to say to those people and their families that their prolonged misery is 'a

was five years ago".

Mr Major agreed that the figures were too high, but argued that Labour policies slump, no jobs, no prospects, no hope for the future". He

# Families get pay rise

UP TO 65,000 more families will be entitled to family credit from April because of a change in the rules, Michael Jack, a junior social security minister, said yesterday (Nicholas Wood, writes).

In remarks aimed at highlighting changes intended to encourage single parents to take a job, Mr Jack said that some mothers would be £30 a week better off.

Under the shake-up, family credit, which supplements the income of poor families with jobs, is to be extended to price well worth paying"."
Mr Major replied: "No one

has said that, as you well know. This month's increase in the numbers unemployed for a year or more is certainly extremely unwelcome. But the long-term unemployment level is about half the level it

Claiming that unemployment was rising faster than in any other EC country, Mr Kinnock said: "It is now obvious that Majorism isn't working. A Tory government means permanent high un-

would bring "permanent added: "Labour don't have a policy for British business.

of 16 hours a week. The present threshold is 24 hours

treated more generously in family credit than in income

support, many families who

are currently on income sup-

port and working between 16-24 hours a week will be able to gain by moving on to family credit," Mr Jack said.

In another change to be

introduced from April, the first £15 a week of mainte-

nance payments will be ig-

nored when family credit

Because earnings are

Speaking on BBC Radio's World At One Tony Blair, the shadow employment secre-tary, responded: "Our proposal is that we impose an obligation on all employers to train their workforce up to a minimum level. To describe the obligation to train as something that will be a bur-den on industry or a problem

> Of the comments by George Simpson, the Rover Group chairman, that the Tories' reliance on untrammelled market forces was fundamentally flawed, Mr Blair said: "The only thing that surprises me is when business people make these comments publicly." Businessmen had been making such comments privately to Labour for some time.

for the unemployed is abso-lutely extraordinary."

They have a policy to put

Precisely the same slogan was used by Mr Lamont earli-

er when, in a speech to the

Institute of Directors, he said

that Labour would turn the

clock back 20 years with cor-

poratist policies for business.

A Labour government, he said, would bring more red tape, higher employment costs, a training bureaucracy,

interference with investment.

and increased trade union

power which would all make life tougher for small

Earlier David Mellor, the

chief secretary to the Treasury, and Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, launched the Conservatives' latest dossier on Labour's proposals, which in identical language to the Chancellor identified 28 ways in which it was claimed Labour would interfere with hust-

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Britain out of business.

# **Howard** predicts rise of unions

By Peter Mulligan

MICHAEL Howard, the employment secretary, was re-buked yesterday for staging a Commons debate to applaud the government's low strike record without addressing long-term unemployment.

The criticism followed an electioneering speech in which he accused Labour of planning to overturn the Tories' anti-union legislation which had brought about the fewest days lost through dis-putes for 100 years. Mr Howard invoked the

industrial strife of the 1970s to give warning of a return to "licensed anarchy" if Labour was re-elected. He foresaw a flood of pay claims from the public sector, a loosening of the laws limiting strikes and a determined effort to maintain differentials in the wake of a national minimum wage.

That is the hat-trick of horrors which would occur in the first weeks of a Labour government," he said during the debate described by the Speaker, Bernard Weatherill, as "rather excitable".

Mr Howard was rebuked by Tony Blair, the shadow employment spokesman, who said: "Whatever qualities Mr Howard has, the key pursuit of absolute truth is not one of

He said there would be no return under Labour to trade union legislation of the 1970s. Ballots would be held before strikes and employers "must be able to gain access to the courts if there is a breach of ballot provisions" The government was trying to shift the blame for present problems. They attack the trade unions today when we say they should have been attacking the recession, rising unemployment and business failures," Mr Blair said.



Slicker cities: Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, announcing £750 million in government grants to renovate 20 inner-city areas yesterday. In phase two of

the government's City Challenge, all 57 local authorities taking part in the urban programme will be eligible to apply. Bids must be in by the end of April.

#### Anti-hunt lobby upsets supporters A Tory MP who was a sponsor of the bill to ban fox hunting complained in the Commons that he was recorded in an advertisement in The Times on Monday as having abstained. Andrew Bowden, MP for Brighton Kemptown, and a vicepresident of the League Against Cruel Sports, said that he voted for the bill as did Terry Dicks, the Tory MP for Hayes and Harlington. They had since received complaints about a betrayal of trust. The Speaker, Bernard Weatherill, said the list was inaccurate. His name along with that of his three deputies had appeared as having abstained. Mr Bowden, he added. should take up the issue with the organisation concerned. The Speaker and his deputies do not normally vote in divisions

Eyes right

The number of eye tests carried out by opticians has recovered from the dip which followed the introduction of charges, Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, said during Commons questions. Surveys showed that 12.43 million tests were carried out in 1991 compared with 12.21 million in 1987.

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## Court tally

Magistrates' courts in England and Wales collected dust over £269 million in lines, fees and fixed penalties in 1990-1, John Patten, the Home Office minister, said in a written reply.

### Defence case

A bill to limit the use of uncorroborated confession in criminal cases was introduced by Andrew Ben-nett, Labour MP for Denton and Reddish. The bill, which would bring the law in England and Wales into line with that in Scotland, has no chance of becoming law.

# In training

that there are about 270,600 young people on youth training in E on youth training in Eng-land and Wales, Robert Jackson, the employment under-secretary, said in a written reply.

### Lords debut

The Bishop of South-wark, the Rt Rev Robert Williamson, who was Bishop of Bradford from 1984 until last year, was introduced in the House of

### Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: environment. Debate on Opposition motion on the recession and

Lords (2.30): Debates on research and development in the NHS and on the public library

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# Commons urged to lighten MPs' load BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Commons should mod-ernise its working hours by-cutting out all-night sittings.

The Commons should mod-ity leaders have supported a reform of working practices.

One of the key stumbling emise its working hours by-cutting out all-night sittings, a parliamentary enquiry said yesterday.

proved yesterday and to be published on Friday, will recommend that the Commons finishes at 10pm on Monday to Thursday and, in exchange, sits on Wednesday

The House committee wants fewer Friday sittings and an early warning to MPs of recess dates. It recommends a further investigation by the Commons procedure committee into proxy voting for seriously ill MPs.

The committee hopes the Commons will be able to vote in the package of reforms before the general election. The prospect of a hung parliament or a government with a small majority would bring tremendous pressures for longer hours. Almost all the witnesses complained to the committee of the impact the heavier workloads had on

John Major and other par-

ruled out morning sittings on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The crucial change :.. in the pressures on the average ember has occurred in constitueacy work and duties," the report says. "The flow of mail has increased dramati-

mands of the executive with the rights of backbench MPs

The committee's report, disclosed to The Times, fol-

lows the lines of the package

recommended by John Mac-

Gregor, leader of the Com-

mons. Unlike Mr Mac-

Gregor, the committee fav-

oured keeping ten minute

rule bills, a device for back-

bench MPs to press for a

change in the law. It also

and Opposition parties.

cally as constituents now tend to bring difficulties and problems directly to their Member of Parliament. "Local interest groups and

other bodies have increasingly requested the attendance of mbers in their constituen cies, especially at weekends."

# In search of the vanishing voter

BY JOHN WINDER where 19314 voters have

THE decline in the number of voters registered in Brit-ain, blamed on rejuctance by some people to expose themselves to poll-tax gatherers, appears to have been re-versed. Figures released yesterday by the Labour party showed big increases in the latest totals in many areas.

There are some glaring blackspots, such as Hackney,

disappeared from registers since 1991: Several marginat constituencies are affected by the change, including York; the most marginal, of all held by the Conservatives with 147 votes. The register there has gone up by 1,003.

leff Rooker, a Labour adow minister, said that the figures came from dis-



Round-up. Rooker calls for electors to register

trict authorities which had responded to his request for the most up-to-date figures ementary registers. revised every month. Yesterday, announcing the results, he urged electors to ensure that they were on the present register and, if not, to apply for registration by tomorrow. That is the last day for supplementary registration to take part in an election on

April 9. Labour is reckoned to be proportionately the loser on smaller turnouts, but Mr Rooker believes that it is important for democracy to get the maximum possible turn out. He said he favoured

compulsory registration.

Mr Rooker and David
Blunkett, Labour's local government spokesman, appealed to housebound voters to act now to get a postal or proxy vote. The Tories want a low turnout. They were praying that the registration figures last Oc-tober would be the ones on which the election would be

He said the government had spent almost £1 million registering 34,454 expatriatevoters, but only £647,000 on 40 million domestic voters. ers, and had rejected his pleas for a campaign to get disabled people and their carers to apply for postal or

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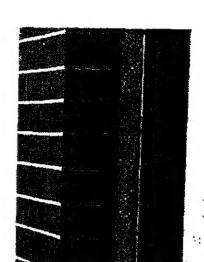
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# Union militancy grows as German recession bites

ABOUT 350 quarry workers in the south Bavarian town of Tittling have set a German record. They have not been boosting productivity by breaking more stones than ever before, however. They have been out on strike since June 17 last year, making this the longest industrial strike in Germany since the war.

Yesterday, there were traffic jams around one of the main river bridges in Frankfurt as 400 workers from the Olympia typewriter works in Wilhelmshaven took to the streets to protest outside their company headquarters at plans to close the factory there

at the end of this year. This month, steelworkers in the Ruhr voted to stop work for the first time in a decade in support of a pay claim. The employers caved in without a fight. They said they pre-ferred the "catastrophically high" 6.4 per cent settlement to the long dispute the men were threatening.

This growth of union mili-tancy in post-unification Germany is clear evidence that the country is suffering from ession and the effects of inflation, now running at 4 per cent. Even though unemployment in the whole country is over three million, higher than at any time since the last days of the Weimar

Workers are wielding the strike weapon in their battle against employers for pay deals that the Bundesbank thinks are far too high, Ian Murray reports from Bonn

republic, workers in indus-tries as different as shoemaking and banking are pressing for pay settlements well above the 5 per cent level that the Bundesbank believes should be the limit for any settlement

In its role as defender of the mark, the bank has let it be known that it will not consider lowering interest rates until the summer and that they might even have to rise again if average wage senlements are too high. The central bank remains supremely con-fident that it can and will control inflationary tenden-cies in this way and that it can build a secure dam against a worldwide recession flooding

into the country.

There is little or no widespread feeling that Germany
is suffering solely as a result of
a world recession. Instead, unions and the opposition Social Democrats blame inflation on the way in which the government rushed the unification process with the consequent need to raise extra taxes to pay for develop-



ment of the East. This attack on the government, however, has failed to win many converts so far. Polls show that the government coalition is comfortably leading the Social Democrats by 10 per cent and that even on their own the Christian Democrats would win 4 per cent more of the vote than the opposition.

The reason, as the same polls indicate, is that the problem of absorbing foreign asylum-seekers is far more worrying for west Germans than is the plight of the econothe constitution to keep them out, but the opposition is against any such changes.

Asylum-seekers are blamed, with ethnic German settlers from countries such as Russia and Kazakhstan, for causing unemployment and creating a housing

A clear majority of voters want measures introduced to stop them coming in: therefore they back the govern-ment, not the opposition.

Meanwhile, even the Bundesbank remains con-vinced that, although Germany is suffering the effects of recession, prospects are al-ready looking rosy. Its latest report admits that there was a 0.5 per cent fall in overall output last year, but says that progress in the East is better than expected and that in the western part of the country the economy has entered into "a period of consolidation".

For most Germans the worrying part of the report was not today's recession but the warning that the national pension fund was in danger of being DM 10 billion (£3.5 billion) overdrawn in future as a result of having to pay east German pensioners.

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Judging role: Gérard Depardieu, the French actor, whom the organisers of the Cannes film festival have appointed to preside over the jury. The annual event takes place on May 7-18 (Our Foreign Staff writes). Depardieu, aged 43, was nominated for an Oscar for his title role in

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the film Cyrano de Bergerac last year. In 1986, he starred in Claude Berri's acclaimed Jean de Florette, opposite his wife Elisabeth. Depardieu teamed up with Berri again last year on Uranus. Most recently he has been starring as Christopher Columbus in Ridley Scott's newest epic.

# New deal marries Tories to **Europe**

By WALTER ELLIS

THI week's announcement of a alliance between the Constructive party and the Chritian Democrats in the European parliament, to take effect on May 1, is the first pracial expression of John Man's wish to place the Toles "at the heart of

Euppe".

Ihmediate support for the chalge was announced in Lisbn by Douglas Hurd, the forign secretary. Euroscenics at Westminster, awae of the possible implication for the government's stan on the development of the European Community. hold very different view. The Christian Democrats — know in Strasbourg as the Euroean People's party — are enstitutionally federalise and the motivating force has and he motivating force behind the drive for political and ionetary union against which Mr Major fought so hard t Maastricht.

Thessence of their view of Europe is the Dublin declaration of party leaders and headof government of April 13 la year. The European Peopl's party considers itself to be force of the centre of Chrisan Democratic inspiration, the declaration affirms "The development of the uropean Community into federal political union reprents for the EPP its forenst objective. In this contet, the EPP will take an initiave to develop a European enstitution and a basic programme for a Europe of

Futher, the resolution welpines the rapprochemenwhich has brought the Britis Conservatives closer to the European and social polics of the EPP, confirming hus the strength and attrativeness of the EPP".
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# Fire guts **Expo '92** pavilion

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS

A FIRE destroyed the second-largest pavilion of the Expo '92 in Seville yesterday and organisers said they did not plan to rebuild it. The fire broke out as workers were putting the finishing touches to the building. No injuries were reported.

"My impression is that this pavilion is totally ruined," Jacinto Pellon, the chief execu-tive of the universal exposition, said. "I won't deny this is a great setback, but there will be many other things for

people to see."

Authorities said the fast spreading fire was accidental, and might have been due to sparks from a welding torch or soldering gun. Firemen had difficulty getting trucks through the streets of the 531 acre Expo site and workers had to rip away fences to, truck. A few hours after the fire began in the synthetic roof, the building was still burning, but the flames had

The building, called the discovery pavilion, was the largest of five Spanish theme" pavilions and was made of metal, wood, plastic and paper. A fire on Friday in another Spanish exhibit, the

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day, resided over by Helmut

### Kohl the German chancel-lor, ad the likelihood now is that he resulting "communi-ty of roups" will lead eventupavilion of the future, de-stroyed a lift shaft. ally full membership. Mañana too late, L&T section, page 12 Grey activists tap porn poll bower FROM PAUL BOMPARI IN ROME

ITALIAN elections are nor mally thought of as dull, and predictable. But in the next polls, in April, Italians will be able to choose from cus of candidates.

There are hard-core porn stars, representatives of fishing and shooting movements, and old-age pen-sioners groups, and even a "motorists' party". Several serious reform movements are threatening to under-mine established parties. The two largest parties, the Christian Democrats and the former Commu-

nists, who now call themselves the Democratic Party of the Left, are suffering identity crises and internal dissent, while the far right has gained ground, in the form of the neo-fascist party, the MSI, and racist, separatist groups such as

the Lombardy League.
The most beautiful new face in Italian politics is that of Moana Pozzi, a voluptuous blonde from Bologna who is the undisputed queen of Italian eroticism. Her face, better known than that of the average cabinet minister, appears in hundreds of magazines and video cas-settes. She is highly paid for TV talk shows on sex. Generally pitted against a feminist intellectual, she is articulate, intelligent.

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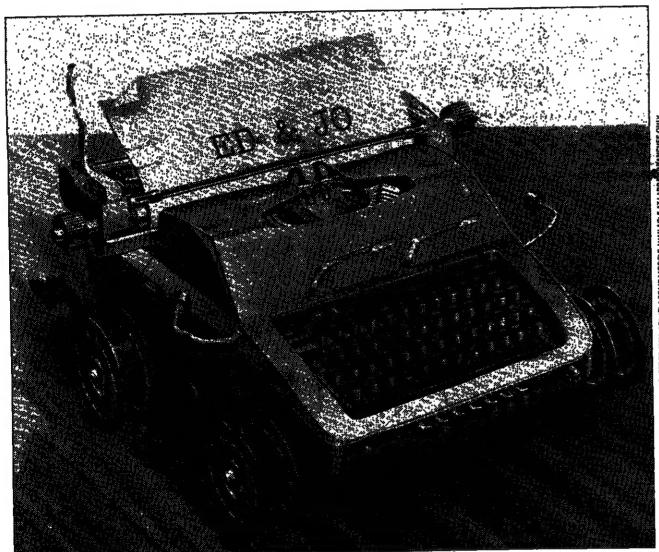


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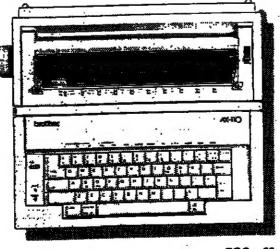
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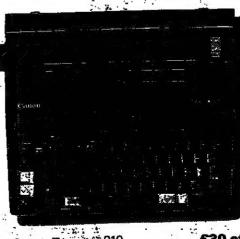




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Moscow loses hope of saving army

# Baker inches closer to missile accord

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

AMERICA and Russia of landmark accords on disagreed yesterday to consider joint systems for averting nuclear attack, but they failed to agree on the desired maximum size of long-range

nuclear arsenals. James Baker, the American Secretary of State, and James Baker, the American Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian foreign minister, said that the views of the two sides on longrange rockets were getting steadily closer and they pledged that negotiations would be speeded up. After a two-day visit to Moscow by Mr Baker, the ministers said they hoped a broad package

armament and areas such as economic co-operation would he ready for signing when President Yeltsin visits President Bush in July.

Both sides emphasised that the "new spirit" in their rela-tions was undimmed despite the relative lack of concrete progress. Washington remains committed, however to its proposal for a 4,500 limit on long-range nuclear warhead stocks, while Russia wants a ceiling of 2,500 war-heads. Mr Baker said negoti-ations on these issues "made some progress ... but did not

norities dispersed through-

out the former union. With

the support of Belorussia.

Moscow demands autonomy for Russians in Lithua-

nia, Latvia and Estonia

and, after a six-month

build-up of tensions, it sends 18 armoured divisions in a Blitzkrieg along the Polish-Lithmanian horder, according to The New York Times's parties of the

York Times's version of the

secret report.
Lithuania would then

seek Nato help, requiring the dispatch of a rapid de-ployment force and more than seven American com-

bat divisions and other

units. Extending that sce-nario, the Pentagon sees the possibility that by

2001, the Regt could have

strategic threat to America around the globe, requir-ing a full defence build-up

The other projected wars
Involving American
troops include an invasion
of Kirwait and Saudi Arabia by a revived Iraq a
North Korean attack on

South Korea, simultaneous

assaults by Iraq and North Korea, coups affecting US citizens or vital interests in

Panama and the Philip-

US assault on a hostile Philippines sparked pri-

vate indignation in Manila

yesterday.

The Pentagon plan is likely to be presented as a

response to requests to Richard Cheney, the de-

fence secretary, from the

armed services committees

of the Senate and House of

Representatives to explain why he believes US forces should be maintained at

1.6 million, only a reduc-

tion of 25 per cent, despite the end of the Cold War. The New York Times said

it had received the plan from a Pentagon official

who wanted to expose "vig-

orous attempts within the military establishment to

invent a menu of alarming

war scenarios".

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WHEN James Baker, the

American Secretary of State,

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Mr Baker is working to

develop ties with the former Soviet republics, including Muslim Azerbaijan, Tajiki-

ed some local culture.

Marshal Yevgeni Shaposh-

At the same time Sergel Shakhrai, a senior aide to President Yeltsin, served warning that the collapse of the commonwealth would lead to a coup. Mr Shakhrai told the Russian parliament that there was "a 103 per cent chance" of a military coup if the Commonwealth of Inde-By contrast the marshal,

pendent States disintegrated. who has hitherto sought to put a brave face on the former Soviet republics' efforts to shore up their military relations, admitted to reporters: "I think that the army will in the end split up into national Submarines collide, page 1



# US sets sights on new old enemy

A leaked list of America's potential adversaries in the next decade has embarrassed Pentagon planners, Charles Bremner writes in New York

The Kremlin and its generals may have done away with the GP, or glavni protivnik (main adversary), their old tag for the United States, but the Pentagon is already polishing a new acronym in case the Evil Em-

pire is reborn — the Regt. Diplomatic embarrassment and congressional scepticism have been pro-voked by the disclosure this week that the Penta-gon views the "resurgent/emergent global an aggressive Russia, as well as four other countries, as potential enemies who could start wars with America over the next decade.

"It is not particularly helpful to find we're being called the enemy again," a Russian diplomat at the United Nations said yesterday after American newspapers published the Pentagon's detailed sce-narios of potential foreign conflicts, a confidential project for planning US defence budgets to 2000. Leaked the day that James Baker, the American Secretary of State, was busy in Moscow helping President Yeltsin arrange the dis-mantling of Soviet nuclear weapons, the Pentagon report says the US must plan to fight wars in two regions at once, one of them possibly with a revised form of the old Warsaw Pact.

The Pentagon plan, which also lists Iraq, the Philippines, North Korea and Panama as potential theatres of war, has drawn accusations from congressional staff members that the defence department may be seeking to justify continued heavy spending by exaggerating the dangers of conflict.

an "expansionist authori-tarian government" seizes power in Moscow and bullies smaller former Soviet republics on the issue of rights for the Russian mi-

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extant".

In another sign that the American administration is trying to dampen Russia's new-found zeal for disarmament and co-operation. Mr Baker commented cautiously on the prospects for joint systems to detect and even ferring to Mr Yeltsin's pro-posal that the Cold War adversaries should co-operate over anti-missile defences, he said: "We agreed that we would talk about the possibility of sharing technology in this area, and we agreed that in consulation with our allies we would talk about the possi-

gested that European mem-bers of Nato, and Russia's partners in the Commonwealth of Independent States. would have access to data from the proposed early-warning system. While Mr Kozyrev urged rapid progress to turn the new relationship into an alliance, the American side focused more on the need to decommission nuclear weapons in an increasingly chaotic Russia and its

own eagerness to help. The Russian foreign minister said joint groups of American and Russian experts would soon be established to oversee the destruction of nuclear arms and the storage of nuclear equipment released during this process.

nikov, the military commander of the commonwealth, predicted yesterday that the forces would eventually break up into separate national armies. He also spoke of a serious dispute with Ukraine over a fleet of nuclear bomb-ers and other military aircraft.



Shaposhnikov: sees forces breaking up

# **UN force plans long stay**

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

BOUTROS Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general. wants a peacekeeping force in Croatia to remain there until a political settlement is reached, even if the Croatian government asks it to withdraw. His proposal, in a report to

the security council, is aimed at stopping the breakaway republic from wrecking the peacekeeping plan by order-ing the "blue berets" off its territory and asserting sovereignty over the three Serb enclaves that the UN force is

In his report, Dr Boutros Ghali recommended that the force be sent for a minimum of 12 months, during which it could not be withdrawn without a specific decision of the security council. After the first year, Croatia would be free to expel the peacekeepers unless a new security council resolution were passed.

Diplomats said the 15-nation council, which must approve all UN peacekeeping operations, would almost certainly endorse the proposal proposal later this week or early next week, thus breaking with its normal practice of deploying peacekeeping troops only with the consent of all sides in a conflict.

Dr Boutros Ghali also proposed that the so-called UN



Protection Force (Unprofor) be of 10,400 combat troops supplemented by 2.840 support troops, including a contingent from Britain, 100 military observers and 530 civilian police. The entire force of nearly 14,000 men. the largest since 20,000 peacekeepers were sent to the Congo in 1960, would be equipped with four aircraft and 26 helicopters at an annual cost unofficially estimated at \$400 million (£226)

million). The force will be deployed within weeks to police the Serb enclaves of Krajina and eastern and western Slavonia as well as border areas of

Bosnia-Herzegovina. Local militias in these pro-

tected areas will be disarmed and existing local authorities would continue to operate under UN supervision pending an overall political settlement. The Yugoslav army will withdraw from the parts of Croatia under its control. • Belgrade: UN troops will

be "welcome" in Serbian en-claves of Croatia, according to Mile Pasplaj, the speaker of one of two rival assemblies (Tim Judah writes). He was speaking a day after Milan Babic, the president of the self-proclaimed Republic of Serbian Krajina, dismissed attempts to depose him by the assembly controlled by Mr

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streets and even from Russia's largest library. (AP)

and his name has been

stripped from schools and

Ceausescu freed Bucharest: Nicolae Andruta Ceausescu, brother of the late Communist dictator of Romania and former head of the secret police academy, has been released from prison temporarily because of serious illness. He was jailed for 20 years in 1990. (AP)

Portugal strike Lisbon: Up to 500,000 public sector workers in Portugal

went on strike in protest at the government's 8 per cent pay award. Many teachers and hospital staff stayed at home. public transport was disrupted in Lisbon and some flights were cancelled. (Reuter)

Nuclear tomb

Paris: French firms have offered to bury the damaged Chernobyl nuclear reactor in a new aluminium-based "super-cement" guaranteed to prevent radioactive leaks for a century. The offer was made after an inspection by



Sly humour: Sylvester Stallone with Oprah Winfrey in a recording of her talk show in which he introduces model Jennifer Flavin, his girlfriend, gives a tour of his Malibu beach home, and exhibits some of his art

Gone fishing for friends in Central Asia

FROM CAROL GIACOMO IN TASHKENT, UZBEKISTAN

villagers, dancing girls and a

band playing traditional

music on a lute-like instru-

ment and a drum. Mr Baker,

wearing the cowboy hat,

shearling coat and boots of

his native Texas, walked a

short distance to the wooden

home of Abousamat Abdul

Seated cross-legged on a

cushion in a room lit by a

Vahobov, a local teacher.

small stove, he had a tradi-

tional feast. Bowls of apples,

nuts, raisins, sweets and huge

round loaves of flat bread

were among the offerings. Mr

Baker are roast pheasant with

He asked about local fish-

ing techniques. "Do you use

fly-casting?" he asked one vil-lager. "Nets", came the reply. The visitor fishes for fun, the

his fingers.

bekistan. The secretary of

state, who normally is re-

served, even changed his suit

for local dress, on one occa-

sion trying an Uzbek quilted coat beited with an orange

scarf and square black and

When his 12-car motor-

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The race for the White House: 250,000 voters go to New Hampshire primary polls

# **Battered Bush still** looks out of touch

MARTIN FLETCHER IN CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MORE than a quarter of a million New Hampshire voters went to the polls yesterday after an extraordinary first primary that turned conventional wisdoms inside out and promises to influence America's 1992 presidential election profoundly.

George Bush, seemingly unassailable just a few months ago, was pounded by an inspired, home-made conservative challenge from Patrick Buchanan that in ten weeks left the president looking directionless, unprinci-pled and out of touch with his country's acute economic distress. He is being pulled to the right to keep his party united. The White House re-election

team looked inept.
The Democrats, with their best chance of recapturing the White House since 1976. had hoped for a decisive primary that would unite the party rapidly behind one strong candidate. Instead,

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Bill Clinton was wounded, perhaps fatally, by charges of draft-dodging and adultery.

The "unelectable" Paul Tsongas, with neither money nor charisma but a single resonant theme, came from nowhere. But, far from uniting the party. a Tsongas vic-tory could lead to turmoil, with bigger-name Democrats jumping belatedly into the race for what some term the most valuable nomination since Watergate.

The primary has also exposed a sea change in the public mood since 1988, when the voters' focused on little more than the rising values of their homes. This year substance and policy are in, 30-second soundbites out. The electorate has grown deeply sceptical of politicians' promises. If he achieves nothing else, Mr Tsongas has demonstrated that America is at last warming to economic responsibility, but it is also a

ward. Beyond populist de-nunciations of Japanese protectionism, foreign issues have barely registered.

With so much at stake in this traditional arbiter of politicians' futures, the candidates have stopped at nothing in the past few days to maximise their support. Bob Kerney's campaign even of-fered a baby-sitting service yesterday so that mothers Mr Bush spent Monday

appealing for support via sat-elite links with local television and radio stations. "Don't worry about trying to send a message," he im-plored, acknowledging that he had been left in no doubt about the voters' anger. Final polls showed his support slip-ping below 60 per cent and Mr Buchanan promised "a wake-up call the White House will never forger".

Mr Tsongas, anticipating victory, sought to pre-empt new entrants by rejecting the idea that he has no appeal outside his native New England. A powerful idea transcended regional consider-ations, said the former senator. He hopes for a second victory in next week's caucuses in Maine and he will then concentrate his efforts on Maryland, Georgia and Colorado.

But even as he spoke, party leaders in Washington appeared to encourage the idea of new entrants. "A lot depends on what happens in New Hampshire," Tom Foley, the House Speaker, said. "Democracy is best served by competition." George Mitchell, the Senate majority leadell, the Senate majority lead-er, said. Richard Gephardt, the House leader, and Lloyd Bentsen, the Texas senator, are being pressed to stand. Mario Cuomo, New York's governor, was watching the result of yesterday's "Draft Cuomo" write-in effort in New Hampshire.

All camps were playing the expectations game furiously. knowing very well that winners can end looking like losers and vice-versa.



Shaken and stirred: the first lady, Barbara Bush, being greeted at Concord airport, New Hampshire, yesterday, as she arrived to give last-minute support to her husband's re-election campaign

# Platforms of the main candidates



 GEORGE BUSH (Republican) is trying to persuade voters that he is concerned, that he is the steady, experienced hand they need, that he has remained true to conserva-tive teness. He described his recent Japan trip as a job-seeking mission and laid out a modest health plan cen-tered on vouchers and tax breaks to help lower and middle-income families.



• PAT BUCHANAN (Republican), running a noisy
"America First" campaign,
claims that he is the only true,
conservative in the Republican race. He accuses Bush of too much compromise with Congress and too much con-cern for international affairs. He says he would phase out foreign aid and crack down on unco-operative trading partners.



 PAUL TSONGAS (Democrat) revels in his image as a tough economic realist prepared to give the country a dose of painful medicine—like the bone-marrow transplant that enabled him to survive craces. A social survive cancer. A social liberal, the former Massachusetta senator also sup-ports nutrient power. He opposes a middle-class tox cut backed by his party.



BILL CLINTON (Democrat) presents himself as the bridge-builder, the candidate who can bring the country together. The Arkansas governor's appealing style on the stump, detailed econom-ic plan and perceived capaci-ty to win a presidential election pushed him to the top of the field — until the draft and infidelity issues hit

# Punjab poll and new march in Kashmir strain security

By Christophier Thomas in Amritsar and Our Foreign Staff

AS DELHI deployed a huge armed force to monitor Punmost years, the Indian government was faced with a fresh sec-urity threat in Kashmir when a leading militant announced a huge march across the line accessible dividing Indian and Paki-stani-held Kashmir. "I will be leading hundreds country

of thousands of people from Srinagar to the other side," Javed Ahmed Mir, the military commander of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front, told a clandestine news conference. He said the plan was to meet a similar march from the Pakistani-ruled part of Kashmir on March 30 led by Amanullah Khan, the front leader, whose first attempt to cross the dividing line was stopped by Pakistani

police last week.
The Press Trust of India
yesterday quoted Sharad
Pawar, the defence minister. as saying that India would welcome Mr Khan, because he was wanted on several murder charges. "He is want-ed here in half a dozen cases of murder," Mr Pawar said.

The Punjab polls have turned into something of a farce, with all but one small faction of the traditional Sikh party, Akali Dal, boycotting



the election. Voter turnout among Sikhs in rural areas is likely to be close to zero.

In spite of the largest peacetime deployment of security forces in India, candidates in urban areas travel with 20 or 30 armed guards each; no candidate of any party has dared campaign in the countryside because of threats from Sikh gunmen.

The election has turned essentially into a contest between two Hindu-backed parties, Congress (I) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Overall turnout on polling day today is certain to be very low, although the possibili of widespread stuffing of ballot boxes by police at the behest of influential politicians might artificially bolster the official figures.

Extremist groups have said any Sikhs caught voting will be shor. Notices have gone up in some gurdwaras (Sikh temples) saying that anytigity participating in the poll faces excommunication. The number of candidates standing is the lowest ever, since they all face death threats.

The Congress will probably gain the largest share of seats in the 117-member state assembly. But it will face unaccustomed challenges from both the BJP and other Hindu-backed parties, which will probably deny it an outright majority, resulting in a frail coalition.

Thirteen parliamentary sears for the Lok Sabha (lower house) are also at stake. The outcome will be particularly important for Congress. which is 15 or 16 votes short of a majority in the lower house. It hopes to capture eight or nine of the seats, strengthening its position as it approaches the crucial budger session of parliament. The party opposed plans for elections in the state last June. saying terrorism made a free and fair poll impossible. Many observers believe it is participating this time simply for the chance to bolster its parliamentary position.

# Canadian tribes shift status goal

CANADIAN government and native Indian leaders have defused a dispute that threatened to stop the country's advance towards a constitutional settlement. Last week, Ovide Mercredi,

the national chief of the Assembly of First Nations. demanded that Canada's population of almost one million indians be officially recognised as a "distinct society" the same status that French-speaking Quebec has been demanding.

Joe Clark, the constitutional affairs minister who has been masterminding the ef-fort to head off Quebec's secession and save Canada from dismemberment, was clearly angered by Chief Mercredi's intervention. He denounced the action as "dangerous" and said that if the native leader persisted, he would be jeopardising the Indians claim to the right of aboriginal self-government Chief Mercredi, who frequently attends constitutional meetings in full Indian regalia, backed down. He said

after a meeting with Mr Clark that it may be possible to achieve native goals by "other means" than distinct society status. He apparently was referring to a national

conference on native issues

that Mr Clark agreed to The conference could be a

stormy one, however. Arguments are certain to arise over the practical meaning of the notion of aboriginal self-government and how much real power the Indians will have.'
The last in a planned series of five regional conferences on the constitution took place at the weekend in Vancouver. These highly unstructured conterences have been designed to give ordinary Canadians as well as politicians the

chance to voice what kind of country they would like to see emerge. There was a surpris-ing degree of unanimity in favour of accepting Quebec's demand to be recognised as a distinct society within Canada. Previous attempts to forge come to grief over the issue, frustrating any chance of healing the ten-year-old con-stitutional rift between Quebec and English Canada.

Broad understanding was also reached on aboriginal self-government, on the need for reforming the Senate, and the need for some realignment of powers between the federal government and the ten provinces.

# Japanese statesman linked to scandal

London: Yasuhiro Nakasone is the second former Japanese prime minister to be named in connection with a transport firm under investigation for channelling funds to politicians (David Watts writes).

Mainichi Shimbun, a leading Tokyo daily, alleged that Mr Nakasone's think-tank. the International Institute for Global Peace, had received the equivalent of £2.16 million (500 million yen) (rom the Sagawa Kyubin group. Zenko Suzuki, the former prime minister, has agreed to give testimony on his links to the company.

#### Algeria party offers talks

Algiers: The main fundamentalist party here, the Islamic Salvation Front, has offered to talk to Algeria's military-backed authorities (Alfred Hermida writes). The offer marks a climbdown by the party, which has consis-tently refused to recognise the regime since it seized power

last month and cancelled planned elections. In the past, the front has accused the authorities of "political piracy", but in a statement released yesterday it said that it was ready for dialogue if the authorities "respect the people's choice".

### Party choice

Dar es Salaam: A special congress of Tanzania's ruling Revolutionary party endorsed a switch to multiparty system yesterday ending three decades of one-party socialism. A formal vote is expected to allow opposition parties by April. (Reuter)

### 'Plot' bizarre

Rome: A papal spokesman described as "bizarre" a Time magazine report that the Pope and President Reagan agreed to a secret campaign to hasten the end of communist Eastern Europe. However, the Pope was a known champion of Solidarity. (AP)

#### Tyson petition

Indianapolis: A group of pastors from the Missionary Baptist, Ministers' Alliance said that it had gathered 10,000 signatures on a peti-tion\_seeking a suspended sentence for Mike Tyson, the heavyweight boxer, for his rape conviction. (AP)

### Abidjan arrest

Abidian: Laurent Gbagbo, the ivory Coast's main opposition leader, who heads the Ivorian Popular Front, was among those arrested after an anti-government protest here turned into a riot. Demonstrators damaged shops and vehicles. (Reuter)

### Weapons plea

Deliti: Kuwait has asked India to help it rebuild its defence forces in an attempt to cut dependence on Western powers. The Pioneer newspaper sald Kuwait had asked about the purchase of tanks, missiles, artillery and personnel equipment. (AFP)

### Fleet attraction

Wellington: An American naval fleet deliberately sunk in the lagoon of Bikini atoli during atomic tests in 1946 could become a tourist attraction. The Pacific Marshall Islands are considering developing diving tourism, an archaeologist said. (AFP)

### Up in the air

Amsterdam: The Dutch air-craft maker, Fokker, has declined to confirm or deny reports that it will deliver up to three Fokker 50s to Taiwan, citing confidentiality, but it denied reports that the planes might be used for military purposes. (Reuter)

# Black cheers and white insults spice last-act poll

ON A balmy evening at a rugby stadium in the west-ern Transvaal, a lone, black man cheered President de Klerk as he described his vision of multiracial harmony in the "new" South Africa.

Nearby, a group of burly white men in khaki uniforms heckled Mr de Klerk raucously. The majority of the white audience was subdued, thoughtfully consider-ing the import of his words.

The scene, on the eve of an important by-election, said much about the mood of South Africa, a kaleidoscope of hope, anger, and anxiety. The election today will indicate which emotion is prevalent among Afrika-ners, and whether they are likely to veto constitutional

South Africa's final all-white election will underline Afrikaner feeling about a consitutional referendum, writes Gavin Bell from Potchefstroom

reforms in a promised referendum. In itself, the Potchefstroom poll is of little significance, since the days of the white-dominated parliament are numbered. However both the ruling National party and the farright Conservative party regard it as a test of white opinion which will have a crucial bearing on the reform process.

apartheid. The seat fell vacant last ear with the death of Louis

Victory for the National ists will reassure them of support for sharing power with the black majority. If

the Conservatives win, they will claim the government has no mandate for reform and will demand a return to

le Grange, the Speaker of parliament, who held it for the Nationalists for a quarter of a century. An urban constituency: Potchefstroom has a classic Afrikaner profile of soldiers, academies, students, factory workers and miners. Mr le Grange increased

his majority in 1989 to 1.538, but a survey of special early voting indicates the result will be close. Symbolism and sentiment have brought the heavy artillery of the National party to bear on the campaign, with no fewer than 10 cabinet members making personal appearances along with Mr de Klerk. The town's university is the alma mater of both the president and the Nationalist candidate, Theuns Kruger, a local es-

tate agent Ferdi Hartzenburg, the Conservative deputy leader. has been firing emotive broadsides in support of Andries Beyers, the party's candidate and national secretary. "You have to choose between nationalism, freeation, and an irresponsible government led by the African National Congress and the Communist party." he told a rally this week.

Mr Kruger says he is con-fident of holding the constituency. This will show that the Afrikaner is prepared to move fearlessly into the future. My appeal to voters is to prove this convincingly."
By-elections generally fa-

your the opposition, and what may prove to be South Africa's last all-white election could not have come at a worse time for the government. A severe drought, recession, soaring crime, and constitutional uncertainty all count against it. An incipient civil war between

supporters of the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom party. which continues to ravage black townships in the Transvaai and Natal, is undermining confidence in the Nationalists' ability to effect a smooth transition to multiracial government.

It has also, perhaps deci-sively for the Potchefstroom election, fuelled Afrikaner fears of black, majority rule.

• Family victims: Six members of one family were killed when their van was ambushed in Natal, and four men were shot and flung from a train, in a night of violence in South Africa, police said yesterday. An lith person a man, was stoned to death in the Meadowlands area of So-

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Fate of Israeli airman

# Arad 'killed as Moussawi is buried'

FROM ALI JABER IN BEIRUT

as Moussawi's body was be-

ing laid in its last resting

place" in his home village.

was captured in October

1986 when his aircraft was

shot down over Sidon, 22

miles south of Beirut, during

refugee camps around the

He was believed to have

been the only prisoner among

six Israeli servicemen cap-tured by Hezbollah on vari-

ous occasions since 1982 to

be still alive. His release had been at the centre of a general

tions launched late last year

as part of its efforts to secure

the release of foreign hostages

held in Lebanon.

journey to Nabichit.

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that separate our quarters."

central south Lebanon,

villages south of Beirut. By

had been fired at Israel from

positions manned by Muslim

Palestinians decide, page

northern Israel.

port city.

Nabichit, in east Lebanon.

AS HEZBOLLAH was announcing the election of another hardliner to succeeed Sheikh Abbas Moussawi, its assassinated secretary-gener-al, it was reported in Beirut that Ron Arad, the Israeli air force navigator, had been killed by his Muslim fundamentalist captors after six years' captivity in Lebanon.

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An anonymous caller on behalf of "the Cells to Defend the Oppressed and Disinherited in the World" said that Arad was killed in vengeance for the blood of "the master of martyrs". Sheikh Moussawi was killed with his wife and son, aged six, when an Israeli helicopter attacked his motorcade in southern Lebanon on Sunday. The caller told the radio the "execution was carried out at the same moment



Arad: held since 1986

# Jordan to vote on going dry

FROM CHRUITOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

THE Jordanian parliament casts a crucial vote today to decide whether to impose a total ban on the sale, pur chase, distribution, important manufacture of alcohol.

The campaign to turn the Hashemite kingdom dry deenly resented by Kin Husain — is the most dramatic attempt by Muslim fundamentalists to transform the traditionally tolerant country into one run along Iranian-style Islamic lines. Political observers here said

the outcome of the vote was uncertain as fundamentalists formed the largest single bloc in the 80-seat lower house of parliament, but they did not, without securing allies, have the overall majority necessary

After securing sweeping gains in the 1989 general election, one of the freest staged in the Arab world, the fundamentalists succeeded last year in forcing a ban on alcohol at all official ceremonies. The two bills proposing the across-the-board ban have already won a 13-2 ma-

jority in the legal committee. Fares Nablusi, one of the only two MPs who oppose the move, said: "This is a viola-tion of the rights of privacy of individuals in the country."

Pan Am suspects By JOHN PHILLIPS INTERPOL

AND DAVID WATES TWO Libyans accused of the Pan Am bombing over Lock-

Tripoli

parades

erbie in December 1988 were shown to the world's press On Monday, a caller on behalf of the same group urged those holding Arad yesterday in apparent good health — despite reports of their deaths — as the judge and other Israeli prisoners to leading Tripol's investiga-tion defiantly excluded their extradition to the United kill them. Arad, a navigator, States or Unitain. an air raid on Palestinian

The British government promptly renewed its de-mand that Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah be extradited, and rejected the judge's conten-tion that he had not been presented with sufficient evidence on which to act. Egypt last night also called for the two men to be put on trial.

Middle East exchange of prisoners that the United Na-The two men were hustled into the sandstone Supreme Court on the seafront at the Libyan capital flanked by guards carrying automatic riguards carrying automatic riguards. Judge Ahmad al-Taher solicitor defending Mr al-Megrahi and Mr Fhimah, The election of Sheikh Has-



Question time: guards escort Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi, one of the Lockerbie suspects, into the Supreme Court to meet the press

Foreign Office said last night

that the Libyans had been

ya's investigation of the bombing of Flight 103, asked them if they had anything to say. Mr Basset replied in

patted them both on the shoulder reassuringly at the end of the photo opportunity and were escorted out of the court room. A Libyan information ministry official said: "They want to show they have not been killed."

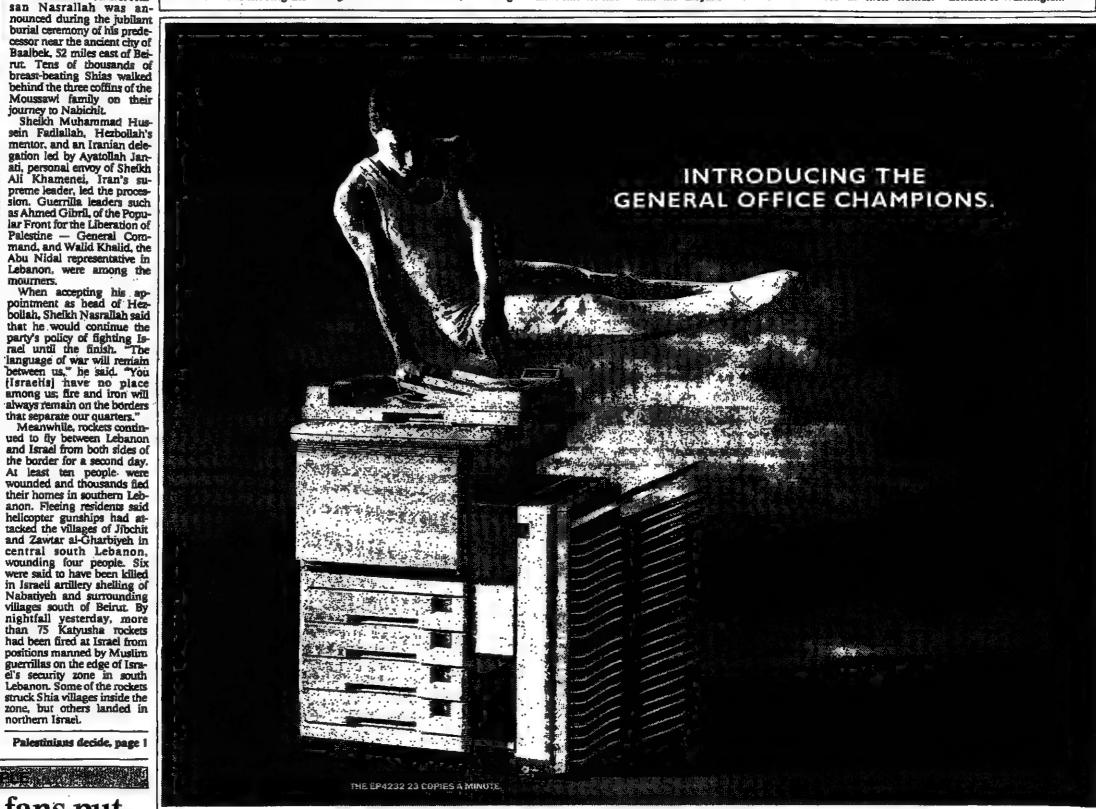
Judge al-Zawi said he had

not received a reply to requests to the Scottish Lord given detailed warrants and specifics of the charges con-Advocate and a state prosecusistent with those which tor in Colombia, New York, would be presented to a counfor official documents detailtry with which Britain had an extradition treaty.

The judge said the two men ing evidence that the Libyans caused the 270 deaths. The

were held under partial surveillance at their homes.

Their passports had been confiscated. But they have not been charged under Libyan law. The judge said only a political decision could lead to them handed over to America or Britain since Libya has no extradition treaty with London or Washington.



# Frenzied fans put block on the Kids

The American rock group, New Kids on the Block, left Seoul yesterday after a concert had their teenage fans in an uproar and their elders steaming. Screaming, fren-zied fans mobbed the group throughout their visit: about 50 were hurt when fans stormed the stage during the concert. The performance had to be interrupted for three-and-a-half hours.

Benjamin Rubin, aged 74, who snipped the top off a common sewing needle to create the forked vaccination needle that helped to eradicate smallpox, is to join Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell at the American national inventors' hall of fame.

Vanilla Ice's film. Cool As Ice. scooped seven Golden Raspberry Awards nominations and Sean Young got two for playing twins badly as Hollywood prepared to announce the worst of 1991. Young was nominated as worst actress in Kiss Before Dying as the twin who survives and for worst supporting actress as the twin killed

in the first reel. Bruce Willis' Hudson Hawk and Dan Aykroyd's Nothing But Trouble re-

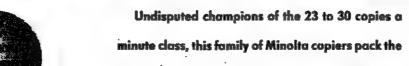
Oscar-spoofing Razzie trophy, a gold-painted raspberry valued at £1.

Competing with Young for the worst actress award are Madonna, for Truth or Dare, Kim Basinger for The Marrying Man. Sally Field for Not Without My Daughter, and Demi Moore for The Butcher's Wife and Nothing But

Benny Hill has been ordered by doctors to lose almost two stone. Leaving the Cromwell hospital in London after a minor heart attack, the comedian patted his large stomach and said: "The main advice is to get rid of that."

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Guyana, Britain's only former colony in South America, next month. He will visit a huge wildlife preserve in his capacity as international president of the World Wide Fund for Nature.

John Anthony Pople, a British-born professor at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh and a renowned student of molecular structure theory, has won this year's \$100,000 (£56,000)



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# Royalty on trial

The Queen faces a republican backlash, says Alan Hamilton

ustralians cheered their head of state when she arrived in Sydney with the Duke of Edinburgh yesterday on a seven-day visit. As Malcolm Turnbull, lawyer in the Spycatcher case and a leading light in his nation's recently reactivated republican movement. observed on the radio: Australians cheer when Madonna turns up, but it doesn't mean they want her as their queen.

All Australians, it is said, are republicans when drunk, which should promise fertile ground for the antipodean anti-monarchist movement. It is highly improbable that there was any love lost between the original settlers and King George III, given that he was ultimately responsible for their unwanted assisted

passage to Botany Bay.

Nor is there much logic in a nation with such a strong identity of its own. whose economic orbit is no longer the Empire but the Pacific rim, retaining as its titular figurehead a pommy granny who has managed 12 visits during her 40-year reign and still lives most of her life on the other side of the world. A group of Australian intellectuals led by the author Thomas Keneally is agitating for the severing of the last apron-string, with the aim of achieving a republic by 2001, the centenary of the creation of the Commonwealth out of Australia's previously independent colonial states.

Monarchy v republicanism is not, however, a major item on the Australian political agenda. What exercises the Australian mind first and foremost are the perennial and burning matters of beer and beach, followed at some remove by the parlous state of the national economy. They have, in some ways, a healthier attitude to the monarch than we do, with our media's obession with

Questions about the Queen's Austra-llan future are raised partly by consider-able demographic change in the country, as British immigration has given way to an influx from southern Europe and Asia. But Anglo-Celts are still in a majority, and the most recent opinion polls suggest that the pro-monarchists still have the upper hand, although by a

shrinking margin.

Anyone wishing to become a full Australian citizen still has to swear allegiance to Elizabeth II. Those residents of Irish descent who would rather die than kowtow to the British crown appear, on aneodotal evidence at least, to be balanced by a number of Chinese immigrants who consider her rather a good idea.

he monarchy is the last link between the two countries. Britain has even grudgingly agreed to let Australia keep the original document of the 1901 Commonwealth Act, which was lent for a temporary exhibition. Since the demise of that ardent pro-monarchist and sometime eccentric premier of seensland, Sir Joh Bielke-Petersen, Australia no longer even nominates its great and good for the new year and birthday honours lists.

The Queen's record of hanging on to her monarchies is, however, excellent. Of the 16 Commonwealth nations (apart from the UK) which on breaking the colonial shackles chose to keep her as head of state, only Fiji has since cast her adrift, and that because of internal politics in which she had no part.

Monarchy's strongest appeal, certainly in this country, is among the lower middle and working classes rather than the intellectuals. The Queen seems secure in Australia yetawhile; it is, after all, a nation almost entirely of suburbs, with a mentality happy enough to let the monarchist-republican argument drift for the time being. Dame Edna is a caricature, not an out-and-out lie.

# Conor Cruise O'Brien on why a rapist walks free while his victim is prevented from having an abortion

I orror and shame at the monstrosity of a 14-year-old girl, pregnant as a result of rape, being prevented from leaving the country for an absenting the Paraghantana and the present the paraghantana and the p abortion is sweeping the Republic of Ireland.

You may well ask: why so? Was it not the people of the Republic who voted in the 1983 abortion referendum which resulted in Article 8 of the constitution? It was indeed. With 53.7 per cent of the electorate voting, two thirds voted in favour of the antiabortion amendment

The amended Article reads: The State acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees. in its laws to respect, and as far as practicable by its laws to defend and vindicate that right."

During the public debate which preceded the referendum, opponents of the amendment, such as myself, argued that it could result in pregnancy tests at ports and airports and the turning back of the pregnant. This was denied by the amendment's sponsors in a widely-circulated leaflet. But this week the Article

# Ireland's cruel hypocrisy

ed in just such a manner.

It is worth considering first the political context which gave us the fatal Amendment, and the political context that is necessary to get us - and especially that girl - out of its chitches. The early 1980s was a time of particularly intense and close competition between Charles Haughey and Garret Fitzgerald.

Dr Fitzgerald was then engaged on what he called a constitutional crusade" for liberalisation, which in practice meant taking the prohibition on divorce out of the constitution. Mr Haughey opposed that, and then went one better by proposing the insertion of the prohibition of abortion into the constitution. Dr Fitzgerald backed away, presumably believing that it would be politically suicidal to oppose the Catholic Church simultaneously on both divorce and abortion.

Thus both parties, together with

has been interpreted and execut- the Church, became committedto the amendment, and so its ratification became inevitable.

Probably none of the politicians who took this up and none of those who voted for it envisaged the present outcome. Although abortion - unlike contraception - had been illegal under laws inherited from the United King-dom since the foundation of the Irish State, the laws as they existed until 1983 had never been interpreted in such a way as to prevent pregnant women going

to Liverpool to get an abortion. But the object of the Amendment's sponsors was conservative, not innovative. It was to freeze the existing laws, making it impossible for the legislature to change them or the courts to interpret them in a sense permitting abortion.

This wish arose from the alarm aroused in bien-pensant circles by the legalising of the distribu-tion and sale of contraceptives in ried couples who were defying, or ignoring; the teaching of their church on contraception. (Catholic families are now no larger than anyone else's.) Thus, paradoxically, the anti-abortion Atticle in the

Irish Constitution is a direct

result not of the strength of the

Roman Catholic Church, but of

the weakening of its authority.

The referendum was - for all but a small minority - an exercise in hypocrisy. Abortion would be made totally illegal, but could still be obtained, when necessary, out of sight, in Britain. This week that loophole was blocked. Our hypocrisy has come.

The question now preoccupying the country is how to unblock that loophole? The question is most urgent for the new government, headed by Albert Reynolds. The present attorney-general, Harry Whelehan, is one of the

1979 and by the increasing few officers left from numbers of Irish Catholic mar- Haughey's team. In applying 'Haughey's team. In applying for the fatal injunction, he acted on his own initiative, without consulting the government. Mr Revnolds must now be wishing he had dropped Mr Whelehan, for his administration is rather more liberal and less cynical than its

> In particular the minister for health, Dr John O'Connell, is an advanced liberal: a real fire-eater by Irish standards. In a statement made after his appointment, he acknowledged that he did not belong to any "institutional Church". (This makes him only the second member of the Dail to make such an avowal. The first

was myself, in 1969.)
I believe Mr Reynolds will have to find a new attorney-general. He needs one who will advise him how to unblock that loophole, not one who tells him there is no loophole available. The best way forward would be to pass a

constitutional amendment providing that nothing in the present constitution shall be interpreted as curtailing the citizen's freedom of movement, including the free-

dom to leave the jurisdiction. Such an amendment would go through the Dail without opposition, and would be enacted by a large majority in a referendum. It would leave the working of Article 8 as it stands, but would again open the loophole. This would be hypocritical, but not cruel, which

how the electorate wants it to

An amendment along these lines may well be the outcome of the urgent talks on the matter to which Mr Reynolds yesterday invited the leaders of the

The changes, whatever shape they may take, will probably come too late to help the present victim whose terrible predicament has precipitated them. Oddly, no charges have yet been made against the alleged rapist, whose identity is known. Meanwhile he is free to leave the country. Our constitution does not limit the freedom of movement of rapists; only that of their victims.

An island race looks abroad

Voters have on offer sharply differing foreign policies, argues Charles Powell

raditionally foreign affairs do not play much of a part in general elections. Perhaps they ought to this time. After all, the world political landscape has changed as much in the last year or two as in the preceding forty. We are once again in an age of shifting alliances, dissolving empires, new nationalisms, in which Talleyand or Franz Joseph would have feit at home. The rhetorical devices which have larded political speeches for the past few decades — the Cold War, the Iron Curtain, the evil empire, even the new world order - are beginning to sound as dated as

TIMA or Take it From Here.

While voters will inevitably be concentrating on domestic questions, they ought also to ask which party will be able to secure the maximum influence for Britain in shaping this new world. The issues are straightforward and come down to four or five simple propositions on which the parties can be judged.

The first and most basic is that the fundamentals for a successful foreign policy are a strong economy and strong defence. These were the twin pillars that supported Mrs Thatcher's iron resolve through most of the 1980s, enabling Britain to exercise influence quite disproportionate to its economic weight.

So the judgment about which party will make the best fist of restoring the economy is not just a domestic issue: it will determine how strong we are abroad. The opinion polls suggest that however great our current difficulties, people think this government's policies are more likely to lead to recovery than Labour's.

Defence is no less important. A peace dividend is fine so long as there is peace. But will there be? The main military threat to our security is no longer a hostile Communist superpower, but the recent changes bring risks of their own: of localised conflicts, of surreptitious nuclear" weapons programmes carried on by unsta-ble and unscrupulous governments, of a sudden reversal of the present benign trends within the of a nationalistic and belligerent

military power in Russia.

None of these can be ruled out, so we must maintain a prudent level of defence. Prudent not in the Treasury sense of the mini mum we can get away

with, but prudent in the light of the responsibil-ities and leadership which Britain has traditionally shown. Here the government has acquititself well. It acted early, with the Options for Change defence review, the significance of which lay not so much in forces, but in the firm that we retain adequate forces. The government has also rightly and boldly ordered the fourth Trident submarine to guar-

antee an effective

Labour too has considerably modified its defence policy, recognising the damage done to its prospects by its stance in the last iwo elections. Labour leaders deserve credit for that. (We can also dismiss the clumsy attempt to imply that Mr Kinnock was some sort of KGB mole and that therefore a Labour government would be unreliable. Soviet diplomats were clearly no more immune than any others from writing self-serving reports.) What is not clear is whether Labour's conversion is matter of conviction or merely of clever drafting. The country cannot afford to wait for an

emergency to find out.

The third proposition concerns the future of Europe. The Labour party has moved with almost bewildering speed to align itself with the majority of European governments on economic and monetary union, on the social charter and a host of other issues. It will certainly present itself as more European than the Conservatives, although of course the

Liberal Democrats will never knowingly be undersold on Europe. But the question is, may nor Labour and the Liberal Democrats find themselves beached? Did Maaspricht represent the high-water mark of European integration? Isn't Europe already

changing course? It certainly seems so. German opinion is rebelling against sur-render of the mark. With characteristically felicitous timing, Jacques Deiors has lobbed the hand-grenade of a substantially increased EC budget. The clamour of former Efta members and East European neighbours to enter the EC can no longer be ignored, and enlargement seems destined, quite rightly, to domi-nate the EC's agenda. And alongside it will be new preoccupations, among them immigration.

If this forecast is correct, Labour politicians will surely find they have over-shot on Europe. The electorate will be looking not at which party can out-do the other in protesting its attachment to Europe, but at which has the best chance of resisting the ambi tions of the Commission. Tories took the flak for standing out for Britain's national interests: now they can reasonably expect to reap the electoral benefit.

Fourth, the special relationship with the United States will remain vital in the years ahead. We shall need to work even harder to retain it. There is no doubting the renewed isolationism in large parts of America. The feeling is that with the demise of the Soviet Union, the job has been done, that the remaining boys should come home, and that Europe can at long last look after its own defence. That feeling will be strengthened if Europe seems to be blocking a successful out-come to the Gatt negotiations.

Labour's present leaders have yet to live down some very uncomfortable anti-American ut-

may now support much of President Bush's foreign policy, it may not be able to conceal a continuing distaste for America's free-enterprise culture. Of more practical importance is whether a giving priority to Europe, would bring us to a low point in relations with America, as a Tory government did under Mr Heath in 1973, the so-called Year of Europe.

The last choice for the electorate concerns the tone of Britain's foreign policy. The Tories have shown that it is possible both to champion human

rights without stridency and to pursue Britain's trade interests without abandoning its princis. Has Labour learned this lesson? Or would it opt for sanctimonious self-indulgence over hard-headed calculation of what national interest requires?

These issues are more important for Britain's future than those which will probably be given prominence in the election campaign itself. What clearly emerges is that our foreign policy will not simply go on in much the same way whoever wins the election. There are substantial differences of vision, policy and method between the parties, and thus a real choice. In a period of such uncertainty it is more than usually important to get it right.

Sir Charles Powell was private secretary to Mrs Thatcher.



# ...and moreover

ast Friday afternoon. something horrible happened to Greta, and something wonderful happened to me. It was the same thing. The thing was that Greta dropped her rifle. Then Greta fell on her rifle. Then the snow fell on Greta. And then, as Greta began slowly to disappear under the snow, a spectator laughed. Then all the spectators laughed.

I don't know if you're acquainted with the Women's Biathlon Relay. It is an activity which, if the world were same, would be the maximum penalty for some unspeakable crime. Since the world is otherwise, it is merely an imponderable Alpine game in which teams of young girls with planks on their feet assemble — in weather you wouldn't send a dog out in - not at the top of a snow-covered hill. which might at least make a little sense, but at the bottom. Each is then given a rifle.

After that, they all stand in a stormful of horizontal snow for a bit until a dropped flag sends the first member of each team struggling splay-footed up the hill, whereupon she unslings her rifle and looses off five rounds rapid at a target rendered all but invisible by the malicious isobars. This done, she hurls herself back to the starting-line and hands over to the next member of her team, who trudges off through the freezing murk to do it all over again.

As a spectator sport, it has nothing: women lurch out of the gloom, fire a gun, and lurch back in. In truth, they do not look as

though they are engaged in a sport at all, they look as they are doing a singularly dreary and dangerous job. You might as well make coalmining an Olympic event. But worst of all is that this activity, which even when performed successfully is pointless to watch, becomes, when it is performed unsuccessfully, heartbreaking to

Unless, that is, you are a typical Alpine audience. If you are a typical Alpine audience, you laugh until your chin bris-tles with lachrymal icicles. You gasp until your head vanishes into its own garlic cumulus. Which is why poor Greta's Friday fiasco was so horrible for her. Why it was so wonderful for me was that it finally enabled me. after 38 years, to give up my Alpine career.

In 1954, I went skiing for the first time, on a school party to Beatenberg in the Bernese Oberland. I should have preferred it to have been in the Bernese Unterland, because it all looked a bit steep for a suburban adolescent with so great a terror of public humiliation that the sheer force of his rising blushes often made his neck-boils burst, but there wasn't one, so I resolved to make the best of a bad job. I did not realise how bad a job could be until I appeared for maiden

duty on the nursery slopes. I do not blame my mother, since I myself knew as little as she about Alpine matters, ie. we knew that alps are cold and wet. My mother's answer to this was To say nothing of my neck.

a set of borrowed oilskins and a sou'wester. They were yellow. I tried them on in London and I looked like a lifeboatman. But that was all right. There was nothing to say that skiers could not look like lifeboatmen, nor indeed that lifeboutmen did not

There was, that is, nothing in London to say it. In Beatenberg, everything to say it. To shrick it. To fall down and roll in the snow howling it. A thousand bastards in snugfit custom-built ski-wear saw this yellow object stumbling around, flapping, and their gas-kets blew. Under the sou wester, boils went bang. Yet I endured. (Slapdash type-

setters might have expressed that as "Yeti endured", and they would not have been far wrong to this day, bastards are telling their grandchildren of the tim back in 1954 when they spotted the Abominable Lifeboatman staggering about beneath the Jungfran.) I endured for two more weeks, and swore that one day I would return to the slopes, trained and clad to the highest standard the Walter Mitty Ski School could provide, and show

the bustards. I never did, but I never stopped dreaming I would. Until last Friday, Last Friday, Greta released me from that thrall. She showed me that even if you were an Olympian, the bastards would still laugh at you, and who needs that?

I feel as if a great weight has been lifted from my shoulders.

### Greene on the screen

THE FIRST Graham Greene screenplay in over 40 years is about to go into production. The script for A Burnt-Out Case, which will star Richard Harris and Ben Kingsley, was completed by Greene and the writer Christopher Neame only weeks before Greene's death in April last year.

Neame, who produced Monsig-nor Quixote, the most recent film of a Greene novel, spent several months commuting to the novelist's home in the south of France to finish the collaboration. Filmin

will begin in South Africa in April Michael Wilson, the executive producer, says: "Greene was very enthusiastic. A Burnt-Out Case was one of the books that he dearly loved, and he made cuts and of fered his own suggestions to improve the script which Christopher took on board. He was very excited about the project." Greene's work was so extensive that all royalties from the screenplay will go to the

author's estate. Although most of his books have been made into films, Greene fans are especially excited about A Burnt-Out Case because the screenplay was the first Greene himself had been involved in since The Third Man in 1949. The film will be directed by Christopher Neame's father, Ronald, who made Brief Encounter.

The South African location has raised eyebrows, but Michael Wilson says: "It has the right geography, the right infrastructure, and we will use black actors. Greene knew it would have to be done there. It is not controversial. Equity may disagree. A spokes-man says: "We still advise members not to work in South Africa, although we do not have any disciplinary measures."



• Could Britain's lack of medals at the Winter Olympics be due to an outbreak of dysentery? Organ-isers at the Olympic village fear-ed the worst when they discovered that on average six large packs of lavatory paper were being used by each apartment every day. Alas for British pride, an official en-quiry has found the British team to be in regular health. They are using the paper to apply coatings of wax to their skis.

### **Latest whisper**

ALTHOUGH St Paul's has not yet invited the moneylenders into the temple, they are certainly waiting at the great west door of Wren's masterpiece. The cathedral has announced it is looking for a City partner.

St Paul's first embraced market forces last year, when it called in Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte and introduced an admission charge. Thus emboldened, cathedral officials now plan an upmarket shop and a restaurant in the crypt.

When you are the stewards of a national monument there are responsibilities to the public. If you charge to come in, it creates its own problems. It is a vicious circle. They expect amenities, and we need the help of a City partner to fund it," says the Archdeacon of London, the Venerable George

Cassidy. "We never felt happy trading on the cathedral floor, and now the shop has grown from a table to a higgledy-piggledy mess: It must be moved

When the cathedral introduced charges last year for the first time since 1851, it was heading for a £1.1 million deficit, he says. The deficit has now almost been cleared, with an income from admission charges in the first six months of £600,000. But far from abolishing the charges, the cathedral has just announced a further increase — from 62 per head to £2.50.

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Marilyn martyred

AFTER Oliver Stone's JFK. America is preparing for a new controversy over its second most famous icon and sometime Kennedy girl, Marilyn Monroe. A drama documentary to be shown on American TV later this month will recreate the last hours of Monroe's life and dispute the verdict that she

died alone from a drugs overdose. The film, for the television series Hard Copy, was shot in the room where Monroe was found dead. and is openly inspired by Stone's movie. "JFK showed how you can:

investigative manner and dress them up like a movie," says the programme's Peter Brennan.

The reconstruction of her death, which is being syndicated by Para-mount, has provoked controversy in American television, which is al-ready riven by a debate on the merits of dramatised "news". The programme will conclude that Monroe was murdered in a plot masterminded by the Mafia boss Sam Giancana — a theory also endorsed in a new book by Giancana's brother. Chuck.

### Hidden agenda

PADDY ASHDOWN will bare his soul this weekend in a tele-vision interview about sex. The programme, which was made just days before details emerged of his extra-marital affair, now makes poignant viewing. Unaware of the storm about to break around him, Ashdown complains about the unhealthy attention paid to politicians' private lives. "The result is that we will have mediocre people - who may be perfectly safe, but not necessarily good - running - the country."

Ashdown recorded the interview for Channel 4's Starchamber on 24 January - when he knew that his solicitors had been burgled, but before he knew that a tabloid newspaper was proposing to expose him. "The Commons is a monstrosity ... it's a place that destroys MPs' health and quite often destroys their marriages," he says. "But I have to confess I find Felicity Kendal extraordinarily sexy."

 Malcolm Rifkind put his love of the railways to the test yesterday when he proudly took the controls of a Hornby model in an exhibition at the Commons. The transport secretary crashed the train within seconds. Even John Presrevisit historical events in an cott was, for once, left speechless.

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## HARD CASE OF BAD LAW

The Irish High Court's injunction banning an abortion on a 14-year-old girl demonstrates with devastating cruelty the foolishness of the anti-abortion referendum in Ireland nine years ago. Abortion was already a criminal offence in Ireland. But that was not enough for anti-abortion campaigners. They wanted to enshrine opposition to abortion as a fundamental principle of the Irish state by writing it into the constitution.

This is why on Monday the Irish High Court was able to make an order preventing an Irish citizen having an abortion even while outside the jurisdiction of the Irish state. Britain, whose more relaxed law makes Algeria pany it Ireland's abortion safety valve, sees an estimated 4,000 abortions on Irish women a year. As a result of this week's case, all such women could in future be held virtual prisoners in their own country by court 2. 2- 1- 185 1-185 injunctions.

To its credit, Irish public opinion has been brought up short. Politicians and newspapers are dismayed and embarrassed. Few claim to have known that the constitutional amendment could have such a wide consequence, although some opponents of the amendment said so at the time. Even the judge making the order referred to "painful and distressing events, resulting in tragedy and a great measure of human suffering".

The facts of the case could hardly have been more shocking. The girl was pregnant as a result of rape by a friend of her father, as a result of tape by a malesting her over a who had been sexually molesting her over a period of a year. The reporting of the rape to the police began a chain of events which led to the Irish Attorney General, Harry Whelehan, seeking an injunction to stop an intended abortion in Britain. The girl is now said to be suicidal. If ever there was a time when a law officer should have put his

- 2 - 12g (2g) (5g) telescope to the wrong eye, this was surely it.
This is not to ask Mr Whelehan to concede the pro-abortion case, that the deliberate destruction of a foetus is a moral choice to be made by the mother alone. British and Irish abortion laws both accept that the state has

some responsibility for the life of the focus. British law strikes a balance between the claim of the foetus and the claim of the mother - nowadays tending to favour the mother - according to the principle of the lesser of two evils. Irish law reflects the teaching of the Catholic Church that some human actions, abortion included, are absolutely wrong and can never be justified as the lesser evil.

Moral guidance is for individual conscience; legal coercion is for the state. It is a political rather than a moral decision of the majority of Irish electors to align Irish criminal and constitutional law with the absolutist teaching of their church. Catholicism itself does not require that alignment, as Irish bishops occasionally if somewhat reluctantly admit. The Catholic bishops of England, Wales and Scotland have been clearer. While campaigning for less abortion, they deliberately do not campaign for a legalban on all abortion.

In framing laws, legislators need to satisfy conditions which do not have to be met by religious bodies in formulating their moral teaching. On matters touching morality, a law must make room for conscientious dissent, even when that dissent extends to what anti-abortionists consider a matter of life and death. A law must not be so harsh as to bring itself into disrepute and thus jeopardise general consent to its obedience. And a law must not be so vague and general that judges may extend it with unimagined consequences. By all these tests the British "lesser of two evils" approach makes for a more realistic and consensual abortion law.

All citizens are at liberty to apply religious absolutes to themselves. They should not insist on coercing others into doing likewise. That is the mistake for which one young Irish girl is expected to pay a high price. But the wave of sympathy for her in Ireland may bring nearer the desirable day when that country's constitution ceases to impose one particular set of political and religious assumptions on all its citizens.

# SICKER MAN OF EUROPE

Germans do not take the same grim pleasure as Britons and Americans in classifying their economic misfortunes, but the figures speak for themselves. Germany is in a full-fledged recession, although the government and the Bundesbank have yet to make an official admission. As the Bundesbank acknowledged on Monday, Germany's gross nati Non pelition ional product has declined at an annual rate of 2 per cent for three quarters running. The indicators suggest that output is continuing to fall in the present quarter too.

In the past two months, the German mark has fallen even against the pound. Yesterday so much capital fled Germany that the mark had to be defended by the Bank of Italy, no less. All this has happened despite the Apidian and business opportunities offered by German reunification and in direct contradiction of the widely predicted suphoria about the completion of the Single European Market after 1992. Few European politicians are yet aware of Germany's fall from economic grace. Since Britain entered the Germandominated exchange-rate mechanism, progressive thinkers in all the main political parties have dreamt of foisting the German W capons pla model on every British institution and social arrangement: central banking, collective pay bargaining, home ownership, even the

voting system. Germany's would-be emulators have missed the boat. The model started to grind its gears in the mid-1970s. By the early 1980s, Germany was being left out of the boom in employment creation and business formation then being seen in America and Britain. And criticism began to be heard even within Germany about monopolistic Licer attraction trade unions, over-protective social legislation, intrusive government regulation and pervasive industrial subsidies. Indeed, during the heyday of market economics in the 1980s, the German model was more usually described as a disease, Eurosclerosis.

Then at the end of the decade, the Germans seemed to have the last laugh. After languishing with almost no growth from 1980 to 1987, the German economy suddenly sprang to life and enjoyed three years of prosperity. Moans of structural rigidity and industrial feather-bedding were forgotten. With the American and British economies veering towards recession, a fashion-conscious economic establishment forgot Euroscierosis and waxed lyrical once more on a return of the German economic miracle of the 1950s, a final triumph of has become one of the world's weakest Ludwig Eshard's finely balanced "social currencies. Providentially for the British it. ... market economics over the brutalism of Anglo-Saxon laissez-faire.

The truth was simpler and less portentous. Germany's prosperity from 1988 to 1991 was due to a series of large tax cuts and lavish deficit spending to finance unification. That country's economic policy in the late 1980s was similar to Ronald Reagan's in 1982 and Nigel Lawson's in 1988. The result was comparable, though less intense. Inflation accelerated and the current account moved from its traditional huge surplus to a deficit for the first time in ten years. But even at the height of the reunification boom, Germany's economy did not grow as rapidly as Britain's in 1987 and 1988. Neither did its capacity to create new businesses and jobs match Britain's and America's during their supplyside revolutions.

The length and severity of Germany's recession will now depend on whether the Bundesbank and the government can reconcile their monetary and fiscal policies so as to bring down German interest rates and gradually narrow the budget deficit. The omens are not good, The Bundesbank refuses even to admit the economy is in recession, despite the evidence of its own figures. The government seems unwilling to cut subsidies or to pay for reunification with higher taxes. At this rate, it may be years before the rest of Europe can speak of a German economic miracle again.

### NAMING THE UNMENTIONABLE

In the 19th century British parliamentarians Ly in the air thought little of using their position to enrich themselves. Now some are trying to diminish the amount by which they impoverish themselves. Those Tory members who interrogated David Coleridge, chairman of Lloyd's, on Monday may well have been acting selflessly in the interests of their constituents. And that some of them personally stand to lose many thousands of pounds in the insurance market may have had no bearing on their aggressive questioning.

But not many Lloyd's names win a private audience with the chairman, still less an opportunity to whinge loudly without the risk of being bundled out of his room. In the words of one (admittedly Labour) witness at Monday's meeting, the occasion was used by a minority of MPs for what he indelicately called "the pursuit of private vendettas".

The wailing of Lloyd's names over the past year would drown the mourners at an Indian funeral. Some have been forced to sell their country homes or even (very few) remove their children from private schools. The secretary who was given membership of Lloyd's as a leaving present from her boss does raise a tear of sympathy. But for most of the 1970s and 1980s, Lloyd's members made a lot of money for no work. Their money worked twice over once at Lloyd's

and again by being invested elsewhere. Tory MPs who are also Lloyd's names have resorted to leaking their dissatisfaction at what they call "structural rottenness" at Lloyd's to the benches opposite. All of a sudden, the richest Conservatives are in

league with the likes of Dennis Skinner in their wish to see Lloyd's regulated from outside. This most improbable alliance parallels Labour's brief dalliance last year with supporting those (same) Tory MPs who sought to carry forward tax relief on their Lloyd's losses. Even the government realised that this baling-out of the rich would be politically unacceptable.

Where were all these MPs in 1982? The Lloyd's Act of that year let the market off the regulatory hook that was to restrict the rest of the City later. Admittedly names were not allowed to vote because it was a private bill, but many were happy to lobby in favour of their friends, convincing colleagues that dubby self-regulation was all that was needed. In 1986, when the financial services bill was going through Parliament, why was there not more pressure from names to bring Lloyd's within its scope, as The Times among

others was urging? The answer is that the spring tide of money-making at Lloyd's hid the detritus of incompetence that was exposed only when the tide receded. Some ministers were themselves names and Tory MPs were reluctant to question such a neat way of augmenting their parliamentary salaries. Lloyd's membership seemed perfect for that purpose. As a passive investment it did not hinder political advancement since ministers were allowed to stay in the market. Not so perfect are today's prospects. MPs who go bankrupt have to resign their seats. It has been an unedifying chapter in parliamentary history, but nobody in Parliament will say so.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### 'Shoot to kill' in Ulster and Israel

From the Attorney General for Northern Ireland

Sir. Your leading article today. "Deadly debits", depresses and as-tounds me. You discuss, and by interence equate, recent killings in South Lebanon by Israeli forces and in Northern Ireland by British

You say: "Neither case is susceptible to the snap moral judgment of those sitting safe in distant arm-chairs. Both must be subject to the pragmatic test of each act of war-how far will it contribute to eventual peace?" You conclude by saying that killings in Northern Ireland, as well as in South Lebanon, "will be hard to defend as 'a means to an end' ".

It would not be merely "hard" to defend a killing as a means to such an end: it would be impossible. I leave aside whether you know what happened in either instance: I certainly do not. But you do a disservice to those steadfastly upholding the rule of law in Northern Ireland by implying that such a defence would ever be put forward, or would be listened to for a moment if it were. No use of force can be justified unless it conforms to the law.

It may be that the key to your article lies in its reference to "Britain" projecting its power into Ulster. Northern Ireland in international, let alone national, law is part of the United Kingdom.

Be that as it may, the inference behind your remark that "the killings in South Lebanon and Coalistand cannot be excused as equal and opposite to, for instance, recent IRA outrages or the murder of Israeli soldiers in their beds last Friday" I find sickening. To my knowledge, only you have posited the putting forward of such an argument

Yours faithfully PATRICK MAYHEW. Attorney General's Chambers, 9 Buckingham Gate, SW1. February 18.

From Lord Mayhew

Sir, To link the killings in South Lebanon with those in Coalisland is to whitewash Israel and insult

Britain. The Israelis have no rights, and no responsibilities for law and order, in South Lebanon: the British have both in Northern Ireland. The Israelis killed defenceless civilians: the British, armed terrorists.

The British government does not send helicopters into the Republic of-Ireland to attack and kill unarmed IRA supporters and their families. Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER MAYHEW, House of Lords. February 18.

From Dr Laurence Kennedy

Sir, One of the terrorists killed at Coalistand had, under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, been expelled from Great Britain, but could roam free in the other part of the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland.

This "internal exile" protects the people of England, Scotland and Wales while exposing the long-suffering Northern Irish, currently denied the weapon of internment, to a greater terrorist threat. Perhaps people on "the mainland" should think about this before loftily dismissing internment as draconian. It is sometimes said that internment would be unacceptable to Catholics in Northern Ireland. This incident illustrates the sad reality that if IRA reprovisor is to be defeated without internment there will be many more young Catholic (and Protestant) people killed, with all the attendant grief that will bring. Had there been internment, it is quite possible that the families of the four terrorists would not now be mourning their loss.

Your leader today says that in Ulster "a periodic shoot-to-kill in-cident may be tactically preferable to internment". Whether or not there is internment, the government must be prepared to meet force with appro-priate force, as was the case in Coalisland. Use of the term "shootto-kill" is not only emotive but misleading, in implying that "shootnot-to-kill" can be a practicable option for policemen or soldiers confronting armed terrorists. The only realistic options in such a situation surely are to shoot or not to

LAURENCE KENNEDY (Prospective parliamentary candidate for North Down 3 My Lady's Mile, Holywood, Co Down. February 18.

#### Tories and civil rights From Mr Ian Taylor, MP for Esher (Conservative)

Sir. Anthony Lester's article ("Mandarin Britain", February 12) arguing for a bill of rights is based on a farrage of untenable assertions.

To assert that the government opposes the reforms proposed by Charter 88 is correct. To assert that it is "no friend of constitutional reform" is nonsense. Conservative governments have been responsible for many májor constitutional advances. including the most significant of recent decades — membership of the European Community. Conservatives are not opposed to change when there is a proven need for it. What we are not in favour of are half-baked

Sir. As your defence correspondent rightly indicates ("Yugoslavia and Ulster put army cuts to test", Feb-Yours etc., ruary 14) the government has faced a dilemma over the commitment of troops to a United Nations force in 36 Pall Mall, SWI.

The United Kingdom is a permanent member of the Security Council and currently occupies its presi-dency. Shortly, it will also take up the presidency of the European Community. In the circumstances it would seem right for the government to show sufficient commitment and support for the enhancement of the United Nation's peacekeeping role within the new world order.

From Mr Edward Cowan

To send only logistic and medical troops at this time to Yugoslavia would be to give the wrong political signal, especially when the United Nations' primary military need in Croatia is for well led and well trained infantry. Britain's infantry is the finest in the world today in the peacekeeping field and should be praced to near in Viscolities. used in part in Yugoslavia.

During the past month force levels have been raised significantly in Ulster and this has no doubt led to the prospect of a decision to send only supporting troops to Yugo-slavia.

The fact that this has happened prior to the reductions in Britain's infantry by over a quarter should surely cause the next government to question the fundamental conclu-sions reached in the present government's Options for Change defence

Why pursue further nuclear weapon development for the RAF at a cost of £2.5 billion when it is clear. in the aftermath of the Soviet Union's collapse and the rise in nationalist tensions, that peacekeeping under the aegis of the United Nations is an infinitely more im-portant task which requires British support through the retention and use of our much admired and

Yugoslavia and the commitment to a peacekeeping force thoroughly professional infantry From the outset the question for force for this purpose?

From the outset the question for us, and for Europe, has been whether

EDWARD COWAN (Defence and Military Attaché 10 Yugoslavia, 1987-90),

From the Minister of Information for the Republic of Croatia

Sir, Your February 14 leader ("Peacekeeping perils") demonstrates a misunderstanding of the problems faced by the UN peacekeeping effort in Croatia. You imply that President Tudiman and the Croatian government are increasingly atian government are increasingly following far-right, quasi-fascist policies and denying protection to the Serb minority in Croatia. The Croats, having "pocketed EC recognition", are described as "seeking to use the UN presence in the captured territories as a cover to extend Croatian control of Serbian towns and villages". And some nationalists even more extreme than the Croatian officialdom are said to be pressurising Dr Tudjman into glorifying the war-time fascist alliance with Germany.

This picture bears little resemblance to the truth. The Croatian parliament has adopted, as an inte-gral part of the Constitution, farreaching legislation on human and minority rights. To my knowledge it is more comprehensive than any comparable law in Europe. Croatia has expressed readiness further to elaborate it in its practical application if the need should arise.

nationally as a victim of unprovoked aggression inflicted by one of the largest armies in Europe. We have "pocketed recognition" to the rune of more than 20,000 dead and wounded, a third of the economy and large parts of the cultural heritage destroyed, and more than a quarter of our territory occupied. We have paid a very high price indeed for insis-tence on the integrity of Croatia's own borders and do not have to use the UN or anybody else as a cover.

Croatia has been identified inter-

us, and for Europe, has been whether or not the aggression could be repelled and further escalation of hostilities avoided through a negotiated peace process. President Tudjman has staked everything on the successful outcome of the peace process. His and Croatia's commitment to negotiations is based on the firm understanding with the EC and

and that the rights of minorities will be fully guaranteed. It is important to remember that the United Nations expects the EC to find a political solution. Croatia does not wish to see the UN effort prejudice what has been the very foundation of the EC peace process. We have never questioned the recom-mendation of Mr Cyrus Vance [the UN special envoy that the civil administration should reflect the ethnic composition in these occupied Croatian towns and villages. But we do not think that people who have committed crimes are qualified to be

the US that borders are inviolable

policemen. This is not just a matter of public decency. Most of the occupied cities, such as Ilok, Vukovar, Drniš, Novigrad etc., have had absolute or relative Croatian majorities and we cannot expect Croatian refugees to return if their safety is to be ensured by the very same people whose cruelty has made them flee their homes in the first place.

I am sure that President Tudjman. a life-long anti-fascist who, at the age of 19, was one of the first to join the partisan movement, will know how to resist pressures, real or imagined, to glorify the warnime fascist alliance with Germany. I cannot understand your call for "brutal political and economic pressure" on a country that is experiencing the most brutal destruction seen in Europe since the second world war.

Yours etc., BRANKO SALAJ, 41000 Zagreb, Opaticka 8. Republic of Croatia.

### Staying on at school

From Dr W. D. Halls .

Sir, Sir Rhodes Boyson and Mr Robert Dunn (letter, February 11) are mistaken if they believe that Russia and Sweden have technical schools for the whole of secondary education.

Diversification does not begin in Russia until the end of compulsory schooling; in a tripartite system teknikums and remeslennoye (trade schools") are the less prestigious options to remaining at school. Sweden has a unitary upper secondary school with no less than 22 options - academic, technical and ocational — for the 16-19 age group: there is still a large component of general education in them all, as a common core.

The Swedish "lines", as they are termed, are based on an analysis of the labour market. Representatives of business, industry, the professions and the civil service were invited to say what subjects could most usefully form the curriculum for the upper

possible future careers.

tem, which Boyson and Dunn also mention, lies in the fact that all school-leavers up to the age of 19 must attend a part-time vocational school. As for Japan, employers often prefer to take on young people and train them themselves. Our own youth training scheme and similar projects, if politicians were suf-ficiently innovative, could develop in similar ways.

In any case, is not the insistence on the economic advantage to society of education being overdone? Education is also for the development of the individual: the 1944 Education Act, it was said at the time, was designed "to procure for children a happier childhood".

Yours faithfully, W. D. HALLS, 2 Field House Drive, Oxford. February 12.

Training seriously

From the Secretary of State

Sir, Libby Purves ("You cannot be serious, Mr Howard", Life & Times.

February 17) isn't being serious in

dismissing so lightly the idea of a

repayment element to training con-

tracts. Her string of anecdotes only

showed that there is a problem here:

that some companies' investment in

training is being wasted by people

leaving immediately after they have

All the more reason to clarify the

position and let people and their

employers come to clear agreements

about training. I have launched a

consultation on just this issue. It

Department of Employment, Caxton House, Tothill Street, SW1.

deserves serious debate.

MICHAEL HOWARD,

Yours faithfully,

for Employment

been trained.

#### Blame for Glencoe From Sir David Hunt

Sir, Alan Hamilton has got himself

into a fine can of Campbell soup. Writing about Glencoe (report, Feb-ruary 14) he says "the Campbells had been prevailed upon to act as agents for the Westminster government". He is misled by current political slogans and the tendency to blame the English for all Scotland's

As these events took place before the Union, he should have written "the Edinburgh government": the massacre was planned, ordered and carried out exclusively by Scotsmen, and I include in that honorific title William III, King of Scotland.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, DAVID HUNT. Lindfield, Sussex. February 14.

### Protecting workers

From Ms Marlene Winfield

Sir, I welcome the government's intention to protect oil-rig workers from victimisation when they report safety concerns to the Health and Safety Executive (report, February 11). Employees who make anonymous reports are often identifiable and therefore anonymity should not be considered a likely or reliable protection.

The shortcomings of anti-victimisation clauses in race-relations legislation have shown that what constitutes victimisation has to be

proposals that are ill thought-out

and offered as simplistic solutions to

Mr Lester claims that the govern-

ment opposed Jim Wallace "with his

fair votes bill". Mr Wallace did not

introduce a fair votes bill and the

government did not oppose it. Mr

Wallace introduced a "let's give dis-

proportionate power to little parties'

bill; and it was thrown out by the

House on the recommendation of

my backbench colleague. Robert

Mr Lester also asserts that min-

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complex problems.

precisely defined. Penalties have to be stiff. When protection fails, as it may well do often, compensation should reflect the true value of the sacrifice made to both present and future job prospects: the North Sea is a closed world where blacklisting is

As much oil-rig work is casual, protection must also extend to those on short-term contracts.

Yours faithfully MARLENE WINFIELD (Fellow). Public Interest Research Centre Ltd.,

PO Box 111, London NW1 8XG. February 11.

isters may come to regret their "contemptuous rejection of a modern, coherent system that secures real democracy". How can they have rejected what they have not been

offered? The fact is, our current

constitutional arrangements already

allow for real democracy and real

rights, not the "paper rights" ad-

vocated by constitution-mongers, such as Mr Lester. Finally, may I be permitted to observe that the most recent British Social Attitudes Survey found that 85 per cent of respondents felt that the rights of the individual are very

or fairly well protected in Britain. Yours faithfully,

IAN TAYLOR. House of Commons.

#### secondary level, and courses were Clergy job losses drawn up accordingly. They there-From Mr and Mrs R. Whitworth fore relate broadly to a range of

Sir, Durham is not alone in being The strength of the German sysaffected by the bishops' questionable use of the suspension of the right of presentation to clergy freeholds on the ground of "rationalisation". prompted by financial expediency.

Making appointments only from within a diocese will inevitably lead to stagnation. How, under such a scenario, could God's call to a minister from, say, the south to a long-term ministry in a northern inner-city parish be answered? And ments of bishops for the time being?

The parish is the all-important base for the church's ministry: there is plenty of scope for cutting diocesan expenditure without impinging on the deployment of parochial clergy. It is extremely difficult to encourage people to pay tithes when all they can see is a creeping but steady with-drawal from staffing of their parishes. We contribute one tenth of our joint salaries, a not inconsiderable amount, but we will be carefully considering the proportion which is channelled through the Church of England in the light of the decisions the church at large is now taking. We may not be the only ones.

Yours faithfully, ROBIN WHITWORTH, RUTH WHITWORTH, 57 North Street, Oundle, Northamptonshire. February 15.

#### Wagnerian oversight From Professor Hans-Hubert

Schönzeier

Sir, I must take up the cudgels on behalf of at least one member of the Wagner family (Bernard Levin, February 13), namely Friedelind, daughter of Siegfried Wagner. Levin tars them all the with same brush, but that is unfair.

Friedelind Wagner had the courage to stand up against her whole Hider-indoctrinated family and left Germany when she was only 20. In 1938 Furtwängler, then a very unhappy man, went to see her in Paris and asked her: "What do I do now?" She answered: "You are now outside Germany. Do like me and just throw away your return ticket.' Yours faithfully.

HANS-HUBERT SCHÖNZELER. 9 Waldron Mews. Old Church Street, SW3.

### Local disturbance

From Mr Arthur Abeles

Sir, Each night I make up my mind

to devote my full attention to the weather report on television. I put down my newspaper, with-

draw from all small chat, listen closely to the description of the struggle between the high pressures and the low, follow the course of wavy lines across the UK and Continent meant to illustrate that confrontation, study swarms of angry little daggers which reflect what the wind is, or will be doing, and finally stare at orange balls partially covered by cloud and often pierced by rain

which dot the country. And then I wonder what it's going to be like in the West End of London on the following day. Faithfully yours,

ARTHUR ABELES, 3 Durham Place, SW3.

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Forthcoming



### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** February 18: The Prince Edward today visited the offices of the Royal Geographical Society for a briefing on the Society's Brunei Rainforest Project 1991/92 at 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7. Lieutenant Colonel Sean

O'Dwyer was in attendance.
The Princess Royal, Chief Commandant, Women's Royal Naval Service, this morning visited HMS Sultan at Gosport.

Her Royal Highness, President. Save the Children Fund, visited the offices of Neville Russell, 246 Bishopsgate, London EC2.
Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in

CLARENCE HOUSE February 18: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Reception given by the Special Forces Club at St. James's Palace.

The Lady Margaret Colville and Sir Martin Gilliat were in

Chartered Institute of Building

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, attended the annual dinner of the Chartered

Institute of Building held last night at Guildhall. Mr John

Trussler, president, was in the chair and Mr Michael Heseltine.

Secretary of State for the

Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, was host to the United and Cecil Club

at dinner last night at the House

of Commons. Sir Patrick.
Mayhew, QC, MP, was the principal guest and speaker. Sir
Marcus Fox, chairman, presided

and Mr Christopher Ward also

National Liberal Club Viscount Whitelew, CH, was the

guest of honour and speaker at a dinner of the Political and Eco-

nomic Circle of the National Liberal Club held last night at the

club. Baroness Robson of Kiddington presided and Mr Terence Gleed Richards, chair-

man, also spoke. Among those

Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton. Governor of the Bank of England,

was the principal guest and speaker at the biennial dinner of

speaker at the orental suppleyers the Engineering Employers Federation held last night at the

Hotel Inter-Continental. Sir

David Less, president, was in the chair. Mr Graham Mackenzie.

alins Wire Workers Mr John Hertel, Master of the

pany of Tin Plate Worker

president-elect, was present.

Environment, also spoke.

United and Cecil Club

Dinners

#### Birthdays today

The Duke of York celebrates his birthday today. Mr Peter Baldwin, chief exec-

The Lady Margaret Colville has

succeeded the Lady Elizabeth Basset as Lady-in-Waiting to Her

February 18: The Princess of Wales, Patron, National Aids

Trust, attended the film premiere

of The Prince of Tides in aid of the Aids Crisis Trust at the Odeon,

Leicester Square, London WC2.

The Hon Mrs Vivian Baring

and Mr Patrick Jephson were in

February 18: The Duke of Kem, President of the Licensed

Victuallers' National Homes, this

vening attended the Change of

Keys Dinner at the Connaught

Rooms, Great Queen Street,

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the Westminster Pastoral Foundation, today amended a Reception at the Design and Decoration Building, London

YORK HOUSE

London WC2.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

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mire. Radio Authority. 65: Sir John Collyear, engineer, 65; the Rev Dr G. Henton Davies, prin-cipal emerius, Regent's Park College, Oxford, 86; Mr Peter du Sautoy, publisher, 80: Sir Nicho-las Fenn, diplomat, 56: Lord Forbes, 74; Mr John Freeman, former MP, diplomat and chairman, London Weekend Tele-vision, 77; Lord Henniker, 76; the Right Rev R.S. Hook, former Bishop of Bradford, 75: Miss Hana Mandlikova, tennis player, 30; Professor Bernard Meadows, sculptor, 77; Sir John Nicholson, former Lord Lieutenant of the Isle of Wight, \$1; Mrs Frances Perry, horticulturist, 85; Sir Daniel Pettit, former chairman, National Freight Corporation, 77: Mrs Erin Pizzey, author and founder of first shelter for battered wives, 53; Mr Smokey Robinson, singer, 52: Miss Gwen Taylor, actress, 53; Mr Brian Tesler, chairman, London Weekend Television, 63.

#### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Nicolaus Copernicus, astronomer, Thorn, Poland, 1473; David Garrick, actor-manager, Hereford, 1717; Luigi Boccherini, composer, Lucca, Italy. 1743; Sir William Fairbairn, engineer, Keiso, 1789; Sir Roderick Murchison, geologist, Tarradale, Highland, 1792; Adalius, Parti (Baroness Adelina Patti (Baroness Cederström), soprano, Madrid, 1843; Svante Arrehenius, chemist. Nobel laureate 1903, Upp-

DEATHS: Georg Buchner, dramatist, Zurich, 1837; Bernard Barton, poet, Woodbridge, Suffolk, 1849; Blondin, pseudonym Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers, assisted by Mr John Hayes, Upper Warden, of Jean-Francois Graveles, ac-and Mr Robert Vincent, Under Warden, presided at a dinner held yesterday at Pewterers' Hall. physicist, Haar, Germany, 1916



marine engineering training base at Gosport, Hampshire, yesterday. She wore gold braid for the first time; WRNS officers are changing from traditional blue braid to the gold worn by the Royal Navy.

#### Lecture

Affec Foundation Lord Jenkins of Hillhead delivered the usuth annual Attice lecture last night at Ironmongers' Hall. Mr Alderman Michael Oliver, Master of the Ironmongers Company, welcomed the guests. Lord Bottomley, chairman of the foundation, presided and the other speakers were Mr Peter Hennessy, trustee, and Mr Billy Dove, director. Among oth-

Rari Artise, Anne Countess Atles. Lady Felicity Harwood, Mr Richard and Lady Alison Davis, the Eart of Listowal, Lord and Lady Callaghan of Cardiff, Lord and Lady Tay. Lord Maybew. Lady Bottomiey, Lady Fousonby of Shulbrede, Lady de Freizas, Sir David Huot, Mr Konneth Harris, Mr and Mis John Froituno, Mrs Michael Olivez.

#### Painter-Stainers' Company

At a court meeting of the Painter-Stainers' Company held yesterday at Painters' Hall, the Master, Mr Carl Fisher, presented the Honor-ary Freedom of the Company to Miss Joanna Lawrance, winner of gward in 1991. The annual Freemen's luncheon was held afterwards.

# Memorial services

Mr Tom Brooke-Smith A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Tom Brooke-

Smith was held yesterday at St Michael's, Cornhill. The Rev David Burton Evans, Chaplain to the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators, officiated, assisted by the Rev John Scot.
Captain David Mauleverer, master of the guild, read the lesson and Mrs Phillp Godsal, decidates are the supple of

daughter, read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland, Mr Brian Trubshaw gave an address. Mr Charles Ian Macdowall A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Charles Ian Macdowall was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street, Canon John Oates

Mr Iain Macdowall, son, read the lesson and Mr Brian Lawley read from The Idler by Dr Samuel Johnson. Mr Peter Job. Managing Director and Chief Executive of Reuters, and Mr Doon Camp-bell gave addresses. Among others present were: Mrs Mandowell (widow), Mrs Patrick

Lord McGregor of Duris Chairman

Morgan (trustee) and Mrs Morgan. Mr Mark Wood (edinn-in-chief, Reuters) and Mrs Wood. Mr John Parcall (managing director, Reuters, United Kingdom and Ireland, Mr Geoffrey Weeman (managing director, Reuters, Asia) and Other past and present members of Staff.

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Sir Edward Pickering (seasonitys vicechairman, Times Newspapers and
Master of the Galid of St Bridds with Mr
J Dox (managing director, News Interpational Newspapers) and Mrs Dux; Sir
William Uniton, Mr Junian Kert (managing director, Visnews), Miss Anna
Donaldson (The Herald, Glasgow), Mr
Harvey Montis, (The Independent), Miss
Rins Zampese (Laffannsa).

Mr Frank Giles, Mrs Peter Job, Mrs
Doon Campbell, Mr Devid Chupp, Mr
Robert Brass, Mr
Gasson, Mr
Juvid Nicholson, Mr
Babert Trylor, Mr Devid Thomas, Dr
Heigh Richards and Mrs Brian Lawley.

Sir Ronald Swayne

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Ronald Swayns, MC, will be held on Tuesday, March 10, at 11.00am, at the Church of St Botolph-without-Bishopsgate, London, EC2, Ali his friends will

# George Barker

Barker will be held at Brompton Oratory on Wednesday, February 26, at 11.00am.

#### Luncheons

Maple Leaf Clob
The Canadian High Commis sioner was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Maple Leaf Club held yesterday at the Inn on the Park Hotel. Mrs Judith M. Steiner, chairman. presided and the Agent General for Ontario also spoke.

Mr Kenneth Derr was the guest of honour and principal speaker at a luncheon of the institute of Petroleum held yesterday at the Dorchester hotel. Mr Basil Butler, president, was in the chair.

#### Service huncheon

RASC and RCT
Major-General J.D. MacDonald,
Director General Transport and
Movements (Army), was entermained at himcheon yeartiley at
Mark Masons Hall, St James s,
by the committee and members of
the Royal Army-Service Corps
and the Royal Corps of Transport
Officers' Luncheon Club. Briga-Officers' Luncheon Club. Brigadier D.N. Locks, chairman, presided. Among those present were: Major-Generals P Blank, V H J Carpenter and C E G Cardington and Syspaliers M W Secs. S G S Counts, E W T Darlow, J Reptinstall, S C Ridby and D J Sutton.

# marriages

Mr R.L Balicki and Miss A.S. Redgrove The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Balicki, of Chilham, Kent, and Annabelle, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Redgrove, of Biddenden, Kent

Mr DJJ. Brock and Miss L.A. Harding The engagement is announced between Darryl, elder son of Mr and Mrs James Brock, of Wrezham, Clwyd, and Larissa, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Harding, of Chehenham,

Mr J.N. Campbell-Harris and Miss V.C. Hogan-Hern

estershire.

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Alastair Campbell-Harris, of Goring-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and Vanessa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Hogan-Hern, of South Ascot, Berkshire.

The Hon Lake Caulifie and Miss P.A. Wilson

The engagement is announced between Luke, younger son of Lord and Lady Cunliffe, of Brandeston, Suffolk, and Penny, daughter of Commander P.S. Wilson, RN, retd, and of Mrs J.H. Grantham, of Hamps

Mr R.G.W. Davies and Miss K.M. Miller The engagement is announced between Robin, son of Mr and Mrs G.W. Davies, of Broadway. Worcestershire, and Katrina, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A.B. Millar, of Rowledge, Surrey.

Mr M.P. Farmer

and Miss D.V. Smith Mr and Mrs D. Smith are pleased. to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter. Debble Victoria, to Mark Peter, eldest sor of Mr and Mrs P. Farmer. Both families reside in Wadhurst.

Mr N.C. Hannaford and Miss A.R. Somerville

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr I.G. Hannaford, of Adelaide and Mrs B. Hannaford, of Kangaroo Island, South Australia, and Amelia, eldest daughter of Sir Quentin and the Hon Lady Agnew-Somerville, of Ramsey, Isle of Man.

Mr J.A.F. Harbottle and Milm C.A. Gibbons

The engagement is announced between Julian, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs D.F. Harbottle, of Faccombe, Hampshire, and Charlotte, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs P.W. Gibbons, of Bath, Avon.

and Miss H.E. Stanley The engagement is announced between Timothy James, son of Mr and Mrs R.J.W. Hurdle, of Wimborne, Dorset, and Heldi Elisabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. C. Stanley, of Andoversiond, Gloucestershire.

Mr D.R.L. Inderwick

and Miss A.J. Parkinson The engagement is announce between Ross, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.P. Inderwick, of Forest, Guerrisey, and Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R. Parkinson of Castel, Guerrisey.

nd Miss N. Powell The engagement is announced between Simon Julian Renard, younger son of Mr and Mrs Roger Jones, of Clifton, Bristol, and Nikola, only daughter of Mr Keith Powell, of Lincoln's Inn, London, and Mrs Heather Powell, of Hampstead, London.

Mr & Nors and Miss N.W. Lipton

The forthcoming marriage is announced between Ben. eldest son of Edward and Jean Keen, of Christchurch, Dorset, and Nicola, daughter of Ian Lipton, of Hampstead, and Mrs Leslie Burg, of Regent's Park.

Mr J.C.E. Lambert and Miss A.F. Mills

The engagement is announced between Julian, younger son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Hugh Lambert, of Camberley, and Anelisa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Mills, of Henley-on-Thames.

Mr S.E. Manstone

and Miss D.C. Warszawski The engagement is announced between Simon Edward Mapstone and Diana Christina Warszawski, both of Kensington. London.

Mr K. Pate and Miss W. Entwistle

The engagement is announced between Kelvin, son of Mr and Mrs George Pate, Stobshiel Mains, Humbie, and Wendy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Raymond Entwistle, Fairmilehead, Edinburgh.

Dr J. St Clair Roberts and Miss J.M. Molloy

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs David St Clair Roberts, of Haywards Heath, Sussex, and Joanna, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Molloy, of Wallingford, Oxfordshire.

Mr P.J.F. West and Mrs A. Walker The engagement is announced between Peter John Francis, ordy son of the late Air Commodore Ferdinand West, VC, and the late Mrs Winnifred West, of Zoar, Superiod in Section 2007. Sunningdale Berkshire and Anna edest daughter of Mr and

Mrs Wasyl Weres, of Perth.

Western Australia. Mr J.W.F. Wight

and Mim A.N. Watton The engagement is announced between James William Fairbaim, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R.A.F. Wight, of Edinburgh, and Ann Natalle, only daughter of the late Mr Gordon Watson and of Mrs Elizabeth Watson, of

Marriage

The Hon Mark Silm and Miss H.L. Harrison The marriage took place on Saturday, at All Salms, Odell, Bedfordshire, of the Hon Mark Slim, elder son of Viscount and Viscountess Silm, of Chelsea, and Miss Harriet Laura Harrison, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Harrison, of Bedford-

shire. The Ven Kelth Pound The bride was given away by her father and Mr Jonathan Ray was best man. A reception was held at Castle Ashby.

These are the words of the Lord: Take your stand and watch at the crossroads: enquire about the ancient paths: ask which is the way that leads to what its good.

Jeremiah 6: 16 (REB)

BIRTHS

ALLEN - On February 17th, to Robym and Stephen, a son, Joseph Mark, a brother for Samuel. BYLES - On February 14th, at BYLES - On Fobruary 14th, all Cuy's. to 'Marion' (nie Kennedy) and Jonathan, a daughter, Camilla Lucy.

CASTLE - On February 18th, to Prue ince Henderson) and Alion. a daughter, Citvia Crace, a skiper for Francesca.

DUNK - On February 8th, in Tasmania, to Kim thee Carteri and Tim. a son. Reuben.

FALVEY - On February 17th. in Lindenberg, Germany, to Clair ther Walshi and Mike, a son, Samuel Alexander, a

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McWHIRTER - On February 14th, in London, to Miranda 14th, in London, to Miranda and James, a son.
PAYNE On February 17th, at Farithorough Hospital. to Jennifer usee Wison) and Vincent, a son. Robert Thomas, a brother for Claire and Allson.
POOLE On February 18th, at Cur, 's Hospital to Louise (née Dolan) and Anthony, a son. Jonathain Michael.
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Jonathan Michael.

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17th. in Zurich, to Louisa
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von, Emil Louis

SPURRIER - On February

15th. to Barbara nee Gagg)

and Dermol. a son.
Sambrooke Thomas, a
brother for Henry.

brother for Henry. DEATHS

APPS - On February 15th 1992, pracefully in hospital, Ernesi Harold aged 90 years, Col R E.M E. retired, Funeral Service at Claufield Church. war Porlsmouth on Tuesday near Portsmouth on Tuesday February: 26th at 3 15pm. All enquiries to Euneral Ser-vices Petersfield Ltd. Tel: 0730 62711

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BRIGGS On Frieruary 18th.
pearcfully al St. Mary's
Hospital Bristol, Joyce
Marquret aged 66 years.
Formerty at St. Joseph's
College Bradford, Requiem
Mass will be held at the
Cathedral Church of SS
Peter and Paul, Cilfon,
Bristol on Wednesday,
February 26th at 12 noon. Brisiol on Wednesday. February 26th at 12 noom. CLIFFORD HALL On February 14th, 1992, sunderly and practifily kaltartite, in her 85th year in Brighlou Muth loved faughter of the late Rev. and Airs. Clifford Hall of Purley disk Fen Place, Sussex, sister of Keith and sund to Timethy. of Keith and aunt to Timothy and Alison, Service at Downs Organisatium. Brighton at 3 30 pm on February 27th Enquiries to Attree & Kent, 113 Church Street, Brighton.

DEATHS

CROMPTON - On February at York District Hospital after a short illness, Air Commodore Roy Hartley Crompton OBE. BA. MBIM. RAF retired. Believed historial historial historial historial or Rita and greatly missed Father of Bheems and David. Funeral service at All Hallows Parish Church. Button-on-the-Porest. York. on Monday Pabruary 24th. at 2.15pm. Followed by private cremation at York. Family flowers only to Chapman Medd & Sons. Easingwold. York. Donations in lieu may be given to the RAF Benevolent Fund. Royal British Legion. Newton-on-Ouse Branch and Seint Montica's Hospital Contensity Appeal. A plate for this will be provided at the service. DEAN - On February 18th. Peter Wesley Dean, Ll. Col. MRCVS. aged 75. husband of Heten. Funeral at Charilon. Church. near Maimesbury. at 11.00 am on Tuesday 25th February. followed by grivate cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired 10 Hunt Servants Senefit Society. Parsioes College. Bagendon. Cirencester. Clos Cit. 7 ToU. or St. John The Baptist Church. Charilon. C/o Mr. C. Mitchard. Hon. Treas. Kimberley, The Street. Chariton. DULVERTON - On February 17th, peacefully after a short illness. Anthony, second Baron Dulverton. Balsford Park Funeral service to be announced later. Filipes On February 10th. following an accident in Memoro. Frederica Benerol. CROMPTON - On February
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Nick. William. Kete and Claire. Cremation has taken place.

JONES - On February 16th 1992, peacefully aged 91, Humphrey Vaughan, of Slindon, Sussex, beloved father of Janet, Philip and Barbara, grandfather, and great grandfather. Fumeral private. Thanksgiving survice at 8t Mary's Church, Stindon, Saturday February 22nd at noon.

NEWHOM - On Friday February 14th 1992. George Harold, Q.C., peacefully at home, aged 82, Husband & wooderful companion of Margaret. Chancellor of the Diocest of London, St. Albans, and Bath and Wells, A bencher, sometime Treasure, of Lincoln's lin. The funeral look place on February 17th. A memorial service will be arranged PATEMAS On February 18th. Hender of DG Pateras, Mrs. M. J. Lyras, Mrs. John S. Pafalios, & Mrs. C. M. Lemos, Funeral service at the Greek calhedral, St. Sophia, London, on Friday Feb 21st at 11am. To be followed by private internment.

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IIIII 1 on February 14th, suddenly. In his 89th yeer, Neville, husband of the late Gladys Siddall, ioving father of John and Norma and a much toxed grandfather and great grandfather. The Funeral Service will lake place at Chellenham Crematorium on Thursday. February 20th at 10 am. Flowers may be sent to Annos Wilson & Son Funeral Directors. Swindon Road. Chellenham.

SMITH - On February 15th, after a long liness. Doris May. Funeral service at Oxford Crematorium on Tuesday. February 25th at 11am. No flowers. Donallons to The Alzheinter's Society. C/o PL Barrett. 8t Ock Street. Abingdon. Oxon. TOULSON - On February 17th 1992, in Redhill. Stanley. Aged 82 years. Now reunited with beloved Lillan, and loved and mourned by his children. Ramby and friends. Funeral Service at Redhill Baptist Church. Hatchlands Funeral Service at Redhill Baptist Church. announced later.
FILDES On February 10th, following an accident in Morocco. Frederica Bement, wife of Christopher Fildes and mother of Lucasia Rogers. Funeral private. Please. no flowers, but donalions to the Frederica Fildes Fund. NSPCC. 67 Saffron Hill, London ECIM SRS, would be appreciated. Memorial Service to be arranged.

GANDY On February 12th arranged.

GARDY - On February 12th.

rourageously in hospital.

Norman aged 42. much lived husband of Jame and latter of Jonathan and Oliver. Funeral Service will lake place at West Herts Crematorium. Carston on Thursday. 20th February at 2:30 pm. Flowers or donations to The Institute of Neurology. c/o M K Cinder watterd 0923 221661
GARDNER On February
17th 1992, pearfully in the
John Radciliffe Hospital,
Oxford. Kenneth Lexile.
Director of Education of the
Institute of Actuaries.
Beloved husband of Joyce.
dear father of Phillippa and
Stephen. and son-in-law of
Hilda Hickman. Service of
Thanksgiving al St. Deny's
Church. Statford-in-theYale. on February 22nd at
3.000m. No flowers please.
donations if desired to Dr
Bunch's Cancer Research
John Radcilific c/o H J
Knapp & Sons Funeral Directors. 4 Church Street.
Wantage. Oxon.
SHONEKAN - On February
17th in Lagos. Ceorge Baptist Church. Hatchlands Road on Tuesday February 25th at 11 am, followed by cremation at Worth Creme-torium, Family flowers only, but donations. If desired, to Baptist Missionary Society.

Neurology, c/o M K Cinder Funeral Services, 492 Bushcymill Lane Tel: Walford 0923 221661

17th in Lagos, George Adebayo, beloved son, brother, husband and father To live in the hearts of those

who love you is not to die. Rest in perfect peace always.

c/o Stonemans, Dorar Court. Redhill. LEGAL NOTICES OHSHU TOBACCO LIMITED
TAKE NOTICE THAT I. Niger
John Hemilion-Smith of Morifon
Thoration & Co., Terrington
House, 47 Holywell Hill. S
Albans, Hertferdshire ALI 1MD
was appointed Liquidator of
Orishu Tobacco Limited by a
Resolution of a Meeting of the
company's creditors held on 7th
February 1992
DATED this 12th day
of February 1992
Niger J Hamilion-Smith
LIQL IDATOR. LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF CREDITORS MEETING UNDER SECTION
48:2) OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Company Name O C Plooring Limited
(Formerly OCF Group Ltd.)
Registered in England
Company Number 2801938
Principal Place of Susiness CCF House Perivale Industrial
Park, Perivale, Middlesex US6 7RL
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48:2) of the
insolvency Act 1996, that a meeting of creditors of G C Flooring Limited will be held at the offices of Cork Gully, Sheller
House, 3 Noble Streat, London EC2V TOQ on Monday 2
March 1992 at 10.00 am for the purpose of having taid before
the meeting a copy of the report prepared by the Joint Adminstartative Receivers-under Section 48 of the said Act. The
meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a committee by or under
the said Act.
Creditors are only antilled to vote if:
(a) they have delivered to me at the address shown below, no
later than from on 28 February 1992, written details of the
debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the
claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule
3.11 of the insolvency Rules 1996; and
(b) there has been lodged with me any proxy which the creditor latends to be used on his or her behalf.
Notes: (1) The original proxy signed by or on behalf of the
creditor must be lodged at the address mentioned; photocopies
including faxed copiest are not acceptable.
(2) Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled
is attend or be represented at the meeting.

I D 8 Bond Joint Administrative Receiver G C Flooring Limited Shelley House & Mattie Street

NOTICE OF CREDITORS: MEETING UNDER SECTION

4892) OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

Company Name C C F Group Pic

(Formerly C C Flooring and Furnishings Pic)

Registered in England

Company Number 496484

Principal Place of Business GCF House Perivale Industrial

Park, Perivale, Middlester UB6 7RL

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Group Pic will be held at the offices of Cork Gully. Shelley

House, 5 Noble Street. London EC2V 7DQ on Monday 2

March 1992 at 10.00 am for the purpose of having laid before

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meeting may, if it thinks fil. establish a committee to exercise

the functions conferred on Creditors' Committees by or under

the said Act.

Creditors are only entitled to vote if:

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DAGWOOD

PROPERTY CO. LTD.

Notice is given pursuant to service 98 of the insolvency Act 1995, but he meeting of Creditions of the above named Company will be held on Wednesday the 6th March 1992 at 10am at 27/31 Blandsfor Stryet, London-W.1. for the purposes mentioned in sectiop 98 et seq. W.1. for the purposes mentioned in section 98 et 804. Ronald Lubell FCA. a Licensed insolvency. Practitioner. will make as allable at his offices at 1 Moor Park Road, Northwood, Middex., a list of the parises and addresses of the companies creditors on the 3rd and 4th March 1992. Dates this 13th February 1992 By Order of the Boord G. MARGOLIS. Director.

OEOFF SOLSTER
MENSWEAR LIMITED
GEOFF SOLSTER
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BOTH IN LIQLIDATION)
TAKE NOTICE THAT I. Nighth Hemilion-Smith of More Cooff Sousier Mensionar Limited and Cooff Sousier (Dumitable) Limited by Resolutions of Meet-ings of the companies residiors held on 7th February 1992. DATED his 12th day of February 1992 N.1 Hernitton-Smith Lieutidator.

LEGAL NOTICES INSOLVENCY ACT 1996
HARLINE
TRANSPORT LIMITED
COMPANY NUMBER: 1285141
Notice is hereby given that on 4
Pebrusary 1992 Barry John Ward
PCA, of Petrol Herr Forsten.
Writing the Herr Forsten.
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provided John Administrative
Receivers of the above company
which trades from Andersons
Road. Southermoton. Hampshire
by Hill Samuel Bent Limited. 71
New Street. Birmingham. Bit
Little Herr Writingham. Bit
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In a debenture dated 15 July
1991 creating fixed and floating
charges over the assets. and
7 Februsary 1992.
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London We turn noon on Wednesday, 29th Febru-ary 1992 the 5th day Delicit line in day of February 1992 S.D. Swaden, FCA Joint Administrative Receiver

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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver all CLASS LIMITED Registered number: BLSGAA. Nature of Seasons Class Limited. Nature of Seasons Class Limited. Nature of Seasons Class Limited. Nature of Seasons Class Limited Class Cla

LEGAL NOTICES NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF:
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Limited 21,51567
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Alives (formerly New Financial Services)
Limited 21,51568
Consumer Debt Services
Limited 209981

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Hosens, Shuttleworth & Co., 20
Historia, Loughton, Barca K010
2PS, was appointed Liquidator of
the said Company by the Crediters on 12th February 1992.
Dated this 17th February 1998
J.G. Shuttleyworth, Liquidator. Instagram Limited 218:873
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Serviced Limited 218:868
Consumer Debt Services
Limited 208:981
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Recovery) Limited 19:28033
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Answers from page 18. PIC LEAD

(c) Part of the load on the dirty British coaster in

Masefield's Cargoes, butting through the Channel in the mad March days, "with a cargo of Tyne coal, Road-rail, pig-lead, firewood, iron-ware, and cheap

**FORMIRKEN** (b) To darken, from the OE murken: "All his fair feathers founed upon blood./An all formirkens the water where the swan swimmeth." PARNEL

(b) A priest's bit-ou-the-side; his concubine or mistress, from the Latin woman's name Petronilla. the feminiae diminutive of the male Greek name, and a saint so named: "Parnels march by two and three,/ Saying, Sweetheart, come with me."

DINKEY

(a) In American railroad jargon from the late 1800s,
a small locomotive used for switching.

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# OBITUARIES ·

## ROLAND HARPER

Roland Harper, food psy-chophysicist, died on January 28 aged 75. He was born on March 23rd, 1916.

ROLAND Harper the boundaries of knowledge the boundaries of knowledge of the texture and flavour of food. He defined 44 categotries of smell which enabled a more accurate description to be given so that better flaw. voured foods could be developed. The work had wide application in the food and drinks industry, not least in brewing where a company brewing where a company producing a particular beer wishes it to have the brand flavour although produced in different locations.

Harper was a psychophysicist. He bridged the two discicist. He oraged the two disciplines of psychology and physics. He pursued during his life the psychological impact of physical phenomena. In the food industry that meant the relationship between the chemical composition of the product and its texture and flavour.

Harper graduated at Manchester University, BSc in physics and MSc in psychology, an unusual combination that was to form the basis of his career. His thesis dealt with perception, in his case colour constancy. In 1939 he joined the Meteorological Office, which at that time depended greatly on visual perception. He was



moved to Norwich and in 1943 was mobilised as a flight lieutenant in the RAF

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as part of the job. in 1946 he joined the National Institute for Research in Dairying, part of the University of Reading. Harper then moved to the University of Leeds where he joined the department of psychology in 1950. Words to describe what are perceived attributes of food continued to be most important to him and his wife. Anne, helped him to extract all the food-descriptive terms from the 200,000

Dictionary. After serving as acting head of the department for a year he was appointed senior lecturer. He involved himself in the planning of the BSc in food science inaugurated in Leeds in 1962. After 14 years at Leeds University Harper accepted a principal research fellowship at the Food Research Institute. Norwich. This fixedterm appointment allowed him to collaborate in an extensive analysis of the nature of odour classification, the definition of a comprehensive set of odour qualities and a system of describing them accurately in a way which could be used both by experts and

While this pioneering work was being carried out the scientific climate changed. frustrating extension of the fellowship. Thus Harper went on to undertake short term appointments in Chile and Greece. When a Leverhulme senior fellowship became available at the University of Reading in 1981 he was again able to take up in his research aspects of his main interest, the measurement of the behaviour which is the expressed response to what is perceived. He also vigorously developed sensory studies and quality evaluation as an important element of all the degree courses offered by the food science department. He was largely responsible for initiating, and then was tutor of, an introductory course for overseas students coming to Reading to read for the MSc

in food science.

His expertise was also app-lied in assignments in Nige-

ria, Sudan and Uganda. duced "the right to buy."
In 1935 Röhr had become Harper was a founder member of the European Chemo-Reception Organisation. He was elected a fellow of the British Psychological Society in 1952 and of the Institute of Food Science and Technology in 1972. He also made many substantial contributions to standardisation of sensory methodology in both international standards and

Monerials. Harper published three monographs or books, Psychological and Psychophysical Studies of Craftsmanship in Dairying, Odour Descrip-tion and Odour Classifica. tion (with E. C. Bate-Smith and D. G. Land), and Human Senses in Action, and almost 100 papers.

in those produced by the

American Society for Testing

In 1987 the University of Reading, jointly with the Society of Chemical Industry, organised a symposium on food acceptability to honour Harper's work. He is survived by his wife, a daughter

# LEONARD RAVER

ic orchestra and a noted champion of contemporary organ music, died of Aids n New York on January 29 aged 65. He was born in Wenatchee, Washington State, on January 8, 1927.

ers of my time."

Leonard Raver, organist of forming regularly with the the New York Philharmonic, New York Philharmonic, Raver commissioned or gave the premières of dozens of new works for the organ. Among them were Ned Rorem's Ouaker Reader and Organbook, Daniel Pinkham's Organ Concerto, Vincent Persichetti's Auden Variations, Gardner Read's

> Raver worked hard to win public support for modern organ music, staging "Organizm concerts," in which he mixed new works with Baroque and Romantic scores to show the continuity of the organ repertory, and included electronic sounds

# SIR HENRY ROWE

Sir Henry Rowe KCB, QC, parliamentary draftsman and former First Parliamentary Counsel, died on February 13 aged 75. He was born on August 18. 1916. AS FIRST Parliamentary

Counsel Henry Rowe had charge of the office responsible for drafting all government bills other than those relating exclusively to Scotland. He was the first in that post not to have been brought up in an English-speaking environment. Heinz Peter Röhr, as he was then known, was born in Ischl, Austria, of a Czech father and an Austrian mother and did not leave Austria for England until

The testimony to his powers

of intellect and command of language is the number of bills of which he had charge during his time as a senior member of the office from 1961 until retirement in 1981. One of his first major acts, the Licensing-Act 1961, remains — in consolidated form — the basis of the ability of most restaurants today to serve an alcoholic drink with a meal. The Rent Act 1965 introduced the system of reg-ulated tenancies which is still the basis of most private letting. From 1971 to 1976 Rowe took on the ultimate intellectual challenge - the drafting of the annual Fi-nance Bill. The Scottish and Welsh devolution acts of 1978 were Rowe's. His last tour de force was the Housing Act 1980 which completely changed the basis on which local authority tenants rent their homes and intro-

a student in Vienna University but in 1938 he left Austria and came to England where he enrolled as an undergraduate at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, to read English law. Again his studies were interrupted: this time by internment at the outbreak of war.

Lord Dulverton, CBE, TD, 2nd Bar-

on, a former director of the Imperial

Tobacco company, died on February 17 aged 76. He was born on Decem-

ALTHOUGH he was the senior mem-

ber of the Wills tobacco family and had

served for 18 years on the board of the

company, the second Lord Dulverton was not, like his father and grandfather

before him, ever at the helm of the

tobacco business. Rather he was known

as a staunch and knowledgeable coun-

tryman and for his many gifts to and

sponsorships of a wide variety of causes

and individuals through his chairman-ship of the Dulverton Trust. The breadth

of the trust's interests was notable and

covered such disparate activities as fi-

nancial aid to the Earl of Longford's

study group on pornography, which was active in research into the subject in the

1970s, and sponsorship of Gypsy Moth IV, the yacht in which Sir Francis Chich-

ester sailed single-handed round the

world in 226 days in 1966-67. It is to Dulverton's credit that Gypsy Moth IV

was eventually preserved as part of the

nation's maritime heritage at Greenwich

concrete dry berth not far from the Cutty Sark. Lord Dulverton also commis-

sioned the 272ft Overlord Embroidery,

which portrays the 1944 Normandy

landings, and gave it to the nation.

Frederick Anthony Hamilton Wills was the son of the 1st Lord Dulverton

who had been chairman of Imperial

Tobacco from 1924 to 1947. His moth-

er was a daughter of Rear-Admiral Sir

Edward Chichester. Bt, and hence he himself was a cousin to Francis Chiches-

ter. He was educated at Eton and Mag-dalen College, Oxford, where he took his MA and where he became Waynflete

A keen enthusiast for territorial sol-

diering, he was commissioned into the Lovat Scouts (TA) in 1935. Throughout

where she can be seen to this day in a

· ber 19, 1915,



During his time at Cam-bridge, however, his abilities were quickly recognised. Pro-fessor Winfield was later to record: "I have had some 50 years' experience in teaching law and he was one of the best pupils I have ever had." The equally distinguished Profes-sor Wade commented: "Röhr offered me, unasked, a most intelligent critique of my introduction to Dicey's Law of the Constitution less than a year after he started his learn-

"first class amateur

ing of English law." Although Röhr was prevented by internment from sitting for his degree, he was in absentia awarded a degree at the level of first class honours. Not only was Röhr a brilliant scholar at Cambridge, he was also acknowledged by the then professor of music as

planist". Indeed, throughout his life he was to bring to his playing of the piano the same meticulous accuracy and industriousness that he brought to the law.

By 1941 some of those who had been interned were permitted to join the army in a "non-combatant" role. So it was that the brilliant Austrian law student found himself in the lowest rank in the Pioneer Corps. Worse, he was required to play the plano for the dances in the sergeants' mess; and, to a man for whom even Mozart was a trifle racy, that was purgatory indeed. But Röhr's military fortunes changed; he was transferred to the 7th Armoured Division where even more incongruously to those who knew him later -

he became a dispatch rider.

With the end of the war came promotion to warrant officer and a post with the education branch of the British military government in Berlin.

Back in England in 1947 and, already enrolled at Gray's Inn, Röhr was called to the bar. After a brief pupillage in Chancery Chambers, he was invited to join the Parliamentary Counsel Office. The office was expanding and Röhr's prodigious intellect had been brought to the attention of the then First Parliamentary Counsel, Sir Granville Ram. In May 1947 Röhr took up his post as an "unestablished assistant" in the office. At this time he also changed his name to Henry Peter Rowe and married Patricia, who was to give him such wonderful support for the rest of his life. The contrast between

Rowe's spoken and written

word was considerable. His speech was overlaid with a strong accent. In addition, he was very softly spoken. These factors did not make him the easiest man to understand, particularly in the technical world of statute law. His writing, however, and particularly his drafting, was fluent, lucid and concise. When he had taken a view on some issue, a crisp, clear - and sometimes acerbic - letter would go to the instructing department setting out the Rowe position. The "Rowe position" indeed for him was not of a man whose mind was easily changed. The views he formed were the result of a logical analysis of the problems and the relevant legal principles; how then could they be changed?

In 1971 Rowe was appointed CB and, in 1973, he became one of two joint Second Parliamentary Counsel. In 1977 he became First Parliamentary Counsel. In 1978 he was created KCB and took

He leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter.

# **APPRECIATIONS**

LORD Fieldhouse's obituary (February 18) inadvenently shortened his career at both ends. In fact he began it at Dartmouth (aged 1312) in 1941, not in 1944 as stated, and ended it on the threshold of becoming chairman of the Military Committee of Nato. Indeed it was in Brussels and at a meeting of that committee that he suffered the massive vascular accident which, though miraculously repaired at the time, was in the end to lead to his death.

It is not accurate either to remember his early reputation as having been "some-thing of a Whitehall Warrior." Until he went, in 1973, to be director of naval warfare, he was markedly short on MoD experience; and the appointment was thus of the "make or break" variety. But he proved himself then in Whitehall -- as he had earlier proved himself at sea when, as executive officer of Hermes, his captain went sick, and he (already a successful submariner) had opportunity to demonstrate his competence as a comparatively junior officer in command of an aircraft carrier.

John Fieldhouse's personality was not mentioned. He was a quiet, phlegmatic Yorkshireman — and proud of it (Yorkshire lambs gambol with a submariner's dolphins on his coat of arms). He was invariably considerate of others, had a delightful sense of humour and was without a trace of "side." For these reasons he was greatly respected and very well liked by all who worked with him, of whatever relative rank.

No appreciation of his career can be complete without mention of the part his wife Margaret, "Midge" to all who know her, played in it. They were a team whose characters complemented each other perfectly. Where he was calm, she was effervescent. Where he was in duty bound to be reserved, she spoke her mind fearlessly — to anybody. She was a splendid support to him — especially when he was a very senior officer under pressure, and never more so than at Northwood and during the Falklands War.

YOUR admirable obituary of Admiral Fieldhouse needs amplification in one respect: throughout his career he looked back with more pride and affection to his time in the Submarine Service than elsewhere. His shining qualities of leadership - calm under crisis, unambiguous directives, fair administration of discipline and consideration for others — inspired confidence in all around him. Above all, he was simply a dependable and likeable shipmate. Most of these attributes sprang from his early experience as a submariner.

I was fortunate enough to meet him when he joined HMS Totem in 1952. It was a minor springboard in his

Lord Fieldhouse career, as she was then as good an operational submarine as any in commission and was in the forefront of bridging the gap between snorkelling diesel-powered boats and the era of nuclear propulsion and the true submarine.

As at every stage of John's dazzling career. his appointment to Totem came at exactly the right time and led to early command. He gained experience of surveillance and shadowing operations against hostile trigger-happy opponents: he was the automatic choice when the commanding officer of our first nuclear submarine fell out; then he gained unexpected experience of commanding an aircraft-carrier when his captain went sick; above all, he was in the right place to mastermind the hair-raising risks which had to be accepted in recovering the Falklands. Galtieri only had to stay his hand for six months and there would have been no contest, our key ships already scrapped or sailing under other flags. His skill at playing the

Whitehall game probably owed much to his father having been a permanent under secretary. The shrewdest civil servants or politicians were misled by his disarmingly po-lite but direct manner, especially when he felt that our national interest was being overlooked in pursuit of shortterm political ends. In April 1982 I was invited to lunch at his headquarters at Northwood, accompanied by another old shipmate. It was the day the main body of the Task Force sailed for the



South Atlantic. The expected telephone call cancelling lunch never came, so we set off. On the steps of Admirals House John met us in uniform, all smiles. "Did you hear the news on your car radio?" he asked. "The wrong Minister has resigned" (Lord Carrington).
Lunch was a convivial af-

fair, presided over by his adoring wife and steadfast supporter, Midge, Apart from the fact that his chief of staff left early, it was relaxed and unhurried. The commander-in-chief never glanced at his wrist-watch.

are made up at the end of the war. Thus the whole clothing of

J. O. C.

1855

### words of the Concise Oxford

ALTHOUGH he was considered a gifted interpreter of Baroque music, Leonard Raver felt strongly about the need to encourage contemporary composers and built a large repertory of modern American works in a variety

"If you keep playing the same pieces over and over," he said in a 1980 interview. "it becomes like a museum. I live in the twentieth century. and I have a responsibility to the future and to the compos-

During the past two decades, after he began perPhantasmagoria and David Diamond's Symphony for

and percussion.

In addition to his concert work. Raver taught at a number of colleges and conservatories, including the Juilliard School and Yale University.

Handcross, West Sussex, includes

an eye-catching barberry.

Berberis virescens, with orange stems, contrasting with the grey-green foliage and brown cones of

the Atlas cedar, Cedrus atlantica

glauca. Unusual evergreen oaks

are also featured: Quercus myrsinifolia with shiny lance-

shaped leaves, and Q. oxyodon,

whose large leaves have toothed

edges. There is also a spineless holly. Ilex latifolia, with large

elliptical leaves. This exhibit has

been awarded a gold medal.
Foliage for the cool conser-

vatory is being shown by Noel Kingsbury. of Frampton Conterell, Avon. including various

Australian shrubs such as



LORD DULVERTON

the second world war he served with the Lovat Scouts and was promoted major in

In 1950 he became a member of the board of Imperial Tobacco and in the same year was appointed a joint Master of the North Cotswold Foxhounds. Hunting was a passion - as it had been with his father - and "Woodbine Willy as he was known, was a familar figure in the field. In 1956 his father died and the second Lord Dulverton inherited his title and estate, then valued at more than £4million gross. He inherited, too, the chairmanship of the Dulverton Trust, through which his father had, in his day,

been such a munificent benefactor. He had married, in 1939, Judith Betty, a daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon Ian Leslie Melville. This mar-riage ended in 1960 in a widelypublicised divorce, which followed not long after Dulverton's resignation as joint master of the North Cotswold pack.

He married, secondly in 1962, Mrs Violet Fanshawe, daughter of Sir Walter Randolph Fitzroy Farquhar, 5th Bt. herself a former joint Master of the North Cotswold Foxhounds. Besides his many activities on behalf of

the family trust Lord Dulverton was usefully able to include his love of the countryside, from his Gloucestershire seat, Batsford Park, Moreton-in-Marsh, through his work with the Gloucestershire Trust for Nature Conservation, the Forestry Committee of Great Britain, and the Wildfowl Trust and many similar organisations. A man whose love of the country was backed up by a profound. knowledge of matters such as ecological balance, he was a frequent correspondent to The Times pointing out the dangers to the rural environment posed by those he believed ignorant of such matters. In 1983 he took the paper severely to task for an article which had appeared in it criticising the planting of barren uplands with conifers. By virtue of his experience as a Scottish landowner, too, he was able persuasively to contest the commonly articulated view that in all cases conifers spell death to the regeneration of the countryside. In his letters, as in his person, Lord Dulverton could be robust, if not hottempered, in argument. Last Novembér he was fined £50 for assaulting a nurse and failing to report an accident, after his car had been in collision with the nurse's bicycle. But he was fundamentally a humane man. After his divorce, tiring of the publicity which had surrounded it, he went to Jordan where he spent five months living among nomadic tribes and alleviating their drought-stricken plight on behalf of the Save The Children Fund.

There were two sons and a daughter (and a daughter now dead) of his first marriage. The elder son, the Hon (Gilbert) Michael Hamilton Wills, succeeds him.

### FEB 19 ON THIS DAY

The charge of the Light Brigade was the least of Britain's misfortunes in the Crimea. The red tape described by the

correspondent, together with inefficiency, lack of supplies and an ageing commander-i chief all contributed to a disastrous, if victorious, campaign,

A DEFENCE OF "THE SYSTEM" TO THE EDITOR OF

Sir. In your correspondent's letter from Balaklava pub-lished in *The Times* of Monday an incident is mentioned respecting the conduct of an official there, who declined to issue stoves on the requisition of an assistant-surgeon. At first sight this appears to be a harsh and unfeeling act, and prob-ably was really so, as means might have been devised for obtaining a proper order. But the fact is valuable, as it is a case in point, and, if it is investigated, will lead to the real cause of the dead lock which has existed to such an extent, and has been attended with such calamitous

I have always hoped that some one now or formerly connected with the War-office would step forward and put their finger on the cause of obstruction that has paralyzed the issue of our stores, and I hoped that in some of the late discussions on the wretched state of the camp before Sebastopol the real cause would be alluded to.

That cause I believe to be the system of accounts, by which an officer is liable for any stores nmitted to his care unless he can obtain and file a receipt, not from the party for whom the goods are intended, but from the head of a department. from whom alone he can receive a document which will protect him when his accounts

a regiment arrives, and the public supposes that all that is required is that the men should be marched to the vessel, and, having divested themselves of their worn-out apparel, should return to their duty in comfort and efficiency. In this, however, we are very much mis-taken. The commanding officer cannot give a valid receipt for the clothing: the functionary who can probably has no place to stow it away in: he may be absent, sick, or 50 Other causes may prevent him from attending to it. The ragged battalion is no doubt there, and the much-wanted raiment ready for its use, but the mesmeric influence of red tape interposes an obstacle, as insuperable as an interval of 1,000 leagues. Blunders have no doubt occurred, and always will occur in warfare. The want of a road from Balaklava has been the cause of very great misery, delay, and disaster, but the real difficulty has lain throughout in the wretched system which has sacrificed our galiant army to enable auditors their books when the war is

The plain remedy for such a state of things is, simply, to treat our commanding officers as honest men. If a regiment requires clothing, food, or fuel, let it be forthcoming on receipt of an order from the commanding officer, countersigned, where it is practicable, by the Brigadier. The same with hospitals - a requisition from the youngest assistantsurgeon in the service, if he is in charge of an hospital, ought to place within his reach every medicine and comfort in store. Better far that a few thousand pounds worth of stores should be unaccounted for at the end of the war than that one British soldier should lose his life for the want of comforts that are within his reach.

I remain, Sir, your most obedient servant, J. H. ELPHINSTONE Logie Elphinstone, Feb. 14

### Receptions

Glaziers' Company
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, attended a recep-tion last night at Glaziers' Hall to mark the tenth anniversary of the London Stained Glass Repository. Mr Alfred Fisher, Master of the Glaziers' Company, Mr George Gee, chairman of the repository trustees, and Mr Roger Shrimplin, chairman of the repository committee, were the hosts. The Duke of Grafton, an Honorary Freeman of the Glaziers' Company, introduced the work of the repository in rescuing endangered stained glass.

International Press Foundation Mr Paul Hodgson. Chairman of the Governors of the International Press Foundation, presided at a reception held yesterday at Press Foundation House, Westminster, to mark the publication of the 1992 report As We See You Comme Nous Vous Voyons.

### Latest wills

Lord Rootes, of North Standen. Berkshire, chairman of Chrysler UK, left estate valued £4.216.414 net. He left his estate

# Horticulture

fellow in 1982.

# Gold medal adorns spineless holly

By ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT Dryandra drummondii with long

FOLIAGE and stems are the deeply cut leaves, and Correa backhousiana, a compact shrub strong features of the Royal Hortiwith grey oval leaves.

Foliage is also dominant on the which opened at Westminster A selection of plant material from High Beeches Garden,

stand of Burncoose and South Down Nurseries, of Redruth, Cornwall Also attracting attention is an unusual shrub. Edgeworthia chrysantha, whose terminal clusters of cream and yellow tubular flowers emit a strong, sweet fragrance. It is quite hardy but prefers a warm sunny wall and needs acid soil. A gold medal has been awarded to this

Miniature spring bulbs are creating a colourful carpet throughout the show. The Cycla-men Society, of Benenden, Kent, is showing forms of Cyclamen coum, including unusual doubleflowered forms, and another with bicoloured flowers, in light and dark pink Among the myriad small bulbs

on the stand of Potterton and Martin, of Nettleton, Lincolnshire, a new cultivar of Iris histrioides really stands out. Named 'Sheila Ann Germany', ir has beautifully clear ice-blue flowers marbled with deeper blue.

Orchids are providing further colour. An impressive bank of lycastes has been staged by Dr H. F. Oakeley, of Beckenham, Kent, and features Lycaste lasioglosa. from Guatemala (almost extinct in the wild), whose brown and gold flowers have a prominent beard. Some of its dark red hybrids are also being shown, together with a deep orange hybrid, 'Autumn Glow',

The RHS competition for ornamental plants is well supported, with Borde Hill Gardens, of Haywards Heath, West Sussex, winning the major classes for plants shown for flowers, fruits, foliage and coloured bark. Their

specimens of Mahonia japonica are adding fragrance to the show.

In the British Iris Society's competition for dwarf bulbous irises, Mrs M. Fraser, of King's Langley. Hertfordshire, has won the mini Peckham cup for varieties of Iris reticulata. In the exhibition of botanical

paintings, photographs and drawings, gold medals have been awarded to Christine Hart Davies. of Poole, Dorset (lichens); National Botanical Institute, o Pretoria, South Africa (South African flora); Katherine Pickles, of St Ola, Orkney (plants from the family Ranunculaceae); and Sir Peter Smithers, of Vico Morcote. Switzerland (photographs of Vico

The show, in the New Hordcultural Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from

# Appointments

Major General Geoffrey William Field, late RE, to be Honorary Colonel, Royal Engineers Volun-teers (Specialist Units). Mr Leslie Walter Lawrence

Dunkley to be a joint district judge at the King's Lynn. Norch, Great Yarmouth, Lowestoft and Wisbech county courts and in the district registry of the High Court at King's Lynn, Norwich, Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft, from April 6.

Mr Christopher John Tromans to be a joint district judge at the Plymouth county court and in the district registry of the High Court at Plymouth, from April 6. Mr Trevor Graham Brett to be a joint district Judge at the Uxbridge. Slough and Reigare county courts, from April 6.

#### Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a reception given by the Ashmolean Museum at Spencer House at 6.30. The Princess of Wales will attend a reception to celebrate RoSPA's 75th anniversary at Guildhall at

# Australia gives the Queen a royal welcome

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN SYDNEY

"THERE'S Queenie. Lovely old dear!," came a whooping cry from the crowd as Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh emerged from their jumbo jet yesterday evening at Sydney's international airport.

The uncommonly intimate and somewhat raucous greeting prompted a momentary arching of the royal eyebrows, but the crowd of thousands, some of whom had been waiting in sweltering heat for more than two hours, brandished Union Jacks and Australian flags and were rewarded with graceful smiles and waves.

The royal couple are in Australia for a seven-day visit to mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of Sydney and to meet the new prime minister, Paul Keating, who ousted Bob Hawke, the Labour party leader, in

The Queen, who emerged after her long-haul flight from London looking remarkably fresh in a snappy tomato-red suit and hat, had the local police on their toes

within minutes as she ventured out to shake hands with some of her admirers and accept bunches of flowers. Two women struggled to hold a large "We love you. Liz!" banner, which was billowing in the hot wind like a spinnaker, and a cluster of burnished young surfers. normally found on Bondi Beach, bounced up and down like pogo sticks, their enthusiastic cheers merging into one long sustained "Yeah!" as the Queen walked coolly past.
"I think she's just terrific.

My grandmother taught me to currsy in case I ever got to meet the Queen," said one onlooker, Teresa Bennett, whose energetic curtsies yes-terday, alas, went unnoticed. "She's just as much our Queen as yours," announced one, Liang Li, proudly wav-ing his Australian flag as the Queen's Rolls Royce rolled silently past. Mr Li was born in China, moved to Hong Kong 20 years ago and emigrated to Australia in 1989. Known in white Australian

circles as a "New Austra-



G'day: Australians are happy to greet the Queen again, on her 12th visit to the country

lian". he and his fellow immigrants form one of the strongest cores of support for the monarchy in a country where the tide of republicanism is on the rise.

The Queen's visit cornes just as the public debate is

hotting up. Last month, Mr Keating proposed that Australia drop the Union Jack from the corner of its national flag, leaving the stars of the Southern Cross. Some have called for the inclusion of a kangaroo on the flag.

On her tour of Sydney, Dubbo, Canberra and Adelaide, the Queen will no doubt be scrupulously shielded from all the heated debate and controversy. She hasshrewdly decided to devote much of her time to meeting

and charming thousands of schoolchildren. Whatever her reception, however, there is no doubt that the Queen will divide Australia on this

# Who dares ... plays the SAS at rugby

IF YOU happen to attend this year's final of the Schweppes Army Rugby Challenge Cup. don't be too surprised if one of the teams takes the field in balaclavas, sets off smoke bombs to shroud its set-piece moves and shins up the goal posts to keep a lookout when their side is kicking a penalty. That'll be the SAS.

The only trouble is that the SAS are so well trained in stealing behind enemy lines to cut off supply routes that they might find themselves annoying the referee during scrums by persistently going round the wrong side of the

Nobody is letting on when or where this year's final against 7 Para will be played, or even if it will include a rare the Special Air Service Regiment, camouflaged or not. Officially the opposing team "Troops Hereford". The SAS

abortion

army is silent on any link. There are whispers that, to retain their anonymity, the Gulf war heroes will be entered on the team sheet as a squad of 15 Disney characters, including several Mickey Mouses and Donald Ducks. Spectators will not be allowed

is based in Hereford, but the

to take photographs.
"The final will be very secure indeed," was the only comment from the SAS Regiment's headquarters in Hereford. "You know I can't tell you any more."

The Hereford troops are not known for their rugby prowess. Their semi-final victory was described by one spectator as being the result of 15 individuals who simply refused to be defeated.

to bet on the SAS side. Of course, there is no guarantee that bookies will pay up for a team that does not officially

# Reynolds call on

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prevented an individual travelling abroad for purposes that were entirely legal in a foreign jurisdiction. I do not believe that the great majority of people who voted to protect the life of the unborn were voting to inflict such pain and heartbreak on a 14year-old girl and her family."

Bernadette Bonner, of the Family Solidarity group, expressed deep sympathy for the girl. However, she said in a radio interview: "Either you believe in the right to life or you don't. The circumstances of one conception is no argument for killing an unborn

> Dr Bonner, a leading campaigner in 1983, suggested that the case might have been a "set-up" by people who want abortion legalised.

> > Leading article, page 15

# Nuclear submarines collide

Continued from page 1 mile territorial limit. This was strongly denied by the Penta-gon. James Baker, the US secretary of state, informed Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president, of the collision during his visit to Moscow on

Monday.

The Baton Rouge, an attack submarine armed with Tomahawk cruise missiles. was not seriously damaged and there were no reported injuries to the crew. The Russian boat was part of the Northern fleet, based at Murmansk.

According to the Interfax news agency, Russian Admiral Ivan Kapitants said: "The fact that a foreign submarine secretly operated in our territorial waters arouses legitimate concern in the Russian eadership."

Russian navy chiefs said they would protest to Washington about the incident, which they claimed occurred off northern Russia. But the Pentagon said the collision happened in international waters. The Baton Rouge, he said, was cruising at peri-

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scope depth when it was hit by the surfacing Russian submarine on February 11. "The Baton Rouge observed the [other] submarine surface and proceed toward its port," the official said.

The Baton Rouge is 360ft long and has a crew of more than 130. Tomahawks can be fitted with nuclear or conventional warheads. The boat also carries torpedoes. The

began to surface. Village basks in glory

assorted fellow townsfolk gather in the hotel's ballot room shortly before midnight. As the clock strikes, each enters his own individ-ual booth, marks his papers and the result is announced within ten minutes. A few hours later, the rest of New Hampshire voters wake, hear the result and wonder wheth-

er to change their vote.

Dixville Notch revels in its power. There has been a 100 per cent turnout every year since 1964, when it conclusively saw off other small New

former Soviet navy is now under the flag of the Commonwealth of Independent States, although all the submarines in that area are Russian. The class of Russian submarine involved in the collision has not been revealed. The boat, which was carrying torpedoes, was reported to have been at 72ft on a training mission when it

Hampshire communities vying to be the first voters. Yesterday, angry with Mr Bush and unenthusiastic for the Democrats, the commuhity gave 11 votes to Andre Marrou, the Libertarian party leader, who appeared to have concentrated his entire national effort on Dixville Notch, Mr Bush trailed with nine votes, Mr Buchanan. Bill Clinton and another fringe candidate had three apiece, and Paul Tsongas had two.

Battered Bush, page 12

#### Political sketch

# A foot soldier's famous last stand

Military historians record only the famous battles of a campaign: the movement of troops. the deployment of weapons. Yet in any war there are a million tales of a more personal kind. Beneath the noise of battle, and no less poignant for being unsung. small but intense human dramas are played out

amid the anonymity of war. Take Mrs Sylvia Heal MP, and varicose veins. Her part yesterday after-noon in the great 1992 election campaign was to ask a routine little question about a routine little operation. Routine, that is, to you and me. But to Mrs Heal? Anything but. For her this was the end of the road: the last post, the lap of bonour, the final question. Sylvia Heal (Lab. Mid

Staffordshire) is what we call a poll tax baby — one of a little crop of opposition MPs elected for normally Tory seats at by-elections held when Mrs Thatcher and her poli tax were at the zenith of their unpopularity. Along with Mrs Heal, other famous poll tax babies are John W P Smith (Lab. Vale of Glamorgan) and David Bellotti (Lib Dem, Eastbourne). Mike Carr (Lib Dem, Ribble Valand Huw Edwards (Lab. Monmouth) were elected just after the Thatcher sunset, but while an angry glow hung in the sky. Nicol Stephen (Lib Dem, Kincardine & Dee-side) is more of a hospitals

opt-out baby.
These babies, like war babies, are here only because of the unusual circumstances of their conception. election babies often perish. Begotten upon a local flood, the tidal wave of a general election sweeps

them away.

Sylvia Heal has done well in her short time. Elevated to the front bench, she became an opposition health spokesmen. Thus it was that she found herself, yes-

that she found herself, yes-terday, at the dispatch box for question 11 to the health secretary.

It was by providence alone that the question was even reached. In the fractious pre-election atmo-sphere of the chamber these days. Commons traffic is jammed. The House had been held up by thick ideological fog around GP fundholding on question 1. and a couple of backbenchers jack-knifed at question 2 on health services in London. Further delays

were caused by party-political roadworks at question 3 on organ transplants, and intensive point-scoring on questions 4 to 10. It began to seem that 3.15 pm - and PM's questions — would arrive before question 11 did: a minor tragedy.

Why? Question 11 was the only reachable question that Robin Cook (Labour's principal health spokes man) had asked Mrs Heal to handle. Perhaps Cook (majority: 11,105) had forgotten what an important day this was for her? Or perhaps it was just that none of the issues raised on questions 1 to 10 was among her special subjects: Mrs Heal had been given varicose veins to look after, and for varicose veins Mrs Heal was obliged to wait.

Worse, assuming there is an election on April 9, these were the very last health questions of this parliament. The next are scheduled for Tuesday March 17, days after the House would be dissolved for an April 9 poll. Mrs Heal's last chance, then, to stand at the opposition dispatch box and spout? In a sense the whole of Mid Staffs's last chance, perhaps this century, to be represented from the front bench by a Labour spokes-man? Had question it not been reached, it would have been a melancholy thing.

Happily, her moment arrived. Cecil Franks (C. Barrow & Furness: majority 3,927) asked about waiting lists, William Waldegrave replied that these were shorter than ever. Mrs Heal rose. She had figures for varicose vein operations at Whipps Cross. She gave them. It was well done.

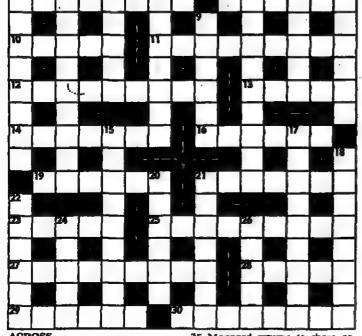
I suppose there are going out on such a swansong. A Gladstone, a Churchill or a Nye Bevan would not have viewed the figures for varicose vein operations at Whipps Cross as the right note on which to end a career of service to the nation. They had grander themes to celebrate. But, for Mrs Heal, varicose veins were all she had.

And besides, how can we be sure she will not be back? If she and Cecil Franks now waitz, together, from the stage, only to rein a future parliament. what a footnote to their bi-

MATTHEW PARRIS

THE MENTAL SHEET

### THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,845



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20 A handy book (6). 21 Fellow carrying weapon in jacket, perhaps (7). 22 Sticker to permit entry by one member (6).

24 Writer of an annual, it may be said (5). 26 On the move in a prison (5).

The Eliminator puzzle, which competitors for the Bristol and London A and

WORD WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct? By Philip Howard

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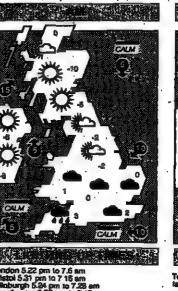
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Coucise Crossword, page 11 Ufc & Times section

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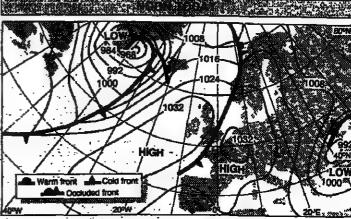
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# THE BUSINESS

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19 1992

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL





chairman of Lloyds Bank, what is expected to be the worst ever round of annual results from the main high street clearers Page 23

GERMAN SLIP

Germany has slipped into a trade deficit for the first time in ten years. Unification caused an increase in imports Page 21

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chairman of Royal Insurance, has set up a joint venture for the single European market

FALLBACK

America has set up a fallback arrangement in the event of Gatt falling. It is a North American free trade zone Page 20

BANK PACT



Antony Hichens. chairman of Y J Lovell, the housebuilder, has made a new agreement with his

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# Lloyd's denies seeking Bank of England aid

LLOYD'S of London has furiously denounced newspaper reports that it has approached the Bank of England for financial help after heavy losses.

The insurance market yesterday issued a statement saying there was "no truth whatsoever in the article in today's issue of the Financial Times that Lloyd's is seeking financial support from the

Bank of England.

"Lloyd's centrally is not and has not been involved in any discussion with the Bank nor has any request been made for assistance from the Bank or government ministers." The statement was confirmed by the Bank.

The false suggestion that Lloyd's has asked the Bank for support for its 22.500 names is the latest addition to the hysteria over the ability of names to pay their debts. Lloyd's yesterday said it had

billion surplus in January,

lifted by corporation tax pay-ments, but the underlying de-

terioration is still expected to

prevent Norman Lamont, the

Chancellor, holding borrow-

The Treasury data showed

that after ten months of

1991-2, the cumulative pub-

lic sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) stands at £6:6

billion, more than twice the

level at the same stage last

year. The Treasury target in

Mr Lamont's autumn state-

ment in November was for a

PSBR of £10.5 billion. City

forecasters expect a substan-

tial overshoot, as recession

drives up government expen-diture while reducing reve-nues, taking the PSBR to at least £12 billion.

The repayment in January.

traditionally the bumper

current fiscal year.

committed EIS billion from premium income and assets

that belong to names. Lloyd's also has an emergency central-fund of £500 -million to cover any shortfalls from the names. The fund is raised through annual subscriptions and is expected to increase to £1 billion by the middle of the decade.

Although no formal talks have taken place between Lloyd's and the Bank of England, there are suggestions that a group of individuals in the insurance market has approached the Bank to discuss the market's problems, and have asked the Bank to tell commercial banks to support names by offering loans.

These discussions are not endorsed by Lloyd's, and the Bank has taken no action. Nevertheless, many at Lloyd's are concerned at the amount

overshoot likely

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

GOVERNMENT finances an exceptionally large deficit,

bounced back to show a £3.63 or borrowing requirement, of

they are being more wary at the moment, but there are no real problems." of funding needed to pay claims in the next two years, estimated at more than £2 An insurance lending expert at one of the main banks said that the cap it had placed **Public borrowing** 

£1.24 billion in December.

Although last month's repay-ment, or surplus, was broadly in line with City forecasts, it is

substantially lower than the surpluses of more than £5

independent economists

have given warning that the

PSBR could shoot up to be-

yond £25 billion, particularly

if Mr Lamont cuts taxes in

Signs that the fall in credit-

financed car sales could be

bottoming out are in the lat-

est survey from HP Informa-

tion, the vehicle information

organisation. It shows that

the number of car deals fin-

anced with credit in January

was 12 per cent down on

January 1991, compared

with an annual drop of 19.1

per cent in January last year.

the Budget on March 10.

last year and in 1990.

on its lending to the market was not under pressure. The banks have, however, been trying to reduce their exposure to a few troubled syndicates, including the four managed by Gooda Walker. Last month, the 4,000 names on these were asked to pay a E101 million cash call largely to repay bank borrowings.

The banks also said they

billion, and are looking at

ways to meet requirements.

The clearing banks have

denied they are withdrawing credit from insurance syndi-

cates. Instead, short-term

bank lending to the insurance market is rising as syndicates

are forced to borrow to meet

claims while they wait for

settlements from reinsurers

and additional funds from

their names. By offering these overdrafts, the banks are

helping to ease a sterling shortage in the market caused by the rising level of

claims and the usual delay in

Paul Archard, chairman of

the Lloyd's Underwriting Agents Association, said that

most syndicates are receiving

sympathetic responses from their bankers. "In general,

reinsurance sentenume.

are prepared to lend to cus-tomers who suffer losses as names. Lord Alexander of Weedon, the chairman of National Westminster, said that Courts & Co. its subsidiary where a proper court of names hold accounts, was advancing loans to some of its customers who had been caught on loss-making syndicates. There had been no pressure from the Bank of

England to do so, he added.
Other private banks, including Kleinwort Benson, are providing loans to clients to cover Lloyd's losses. Most of these loans are secured on assets, such as share portfolios. They are likely to increase substantially this summer, when Lloyd's announces losses for its 1969 year, estimated to exceed £1.35 billion.

Leading article, page 15



Pointed reminder: Peter Morgan, IoD director general, with Mr Lamont at yesterday's report launch

# **Directors** seek help for small companies

By Ross Tieman

INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT THE Institute of Directors is THE Institute of Directors is calling for drastic cuts in the burdens' imposed by government on small companies. In an initiative timed to catch the attention of political parties in the run-up to the allection the institute rule. election, the institute pub-lished a report highlighting the contribution of small firms to the nation's wealth and the burden of bureau-

cracy on them. Top of the IoD's wish-list are: payments to companies for collecting simpler, lower, taxes; cheaper litigation to enforce settlement of overdue debts; and simplified dealings with local authori-

ties and government. Norman Lamont. Chancellor, was present at the launch of the report. Pleading "Budget purdah", he devoted most of his speech to an attack on Labour. However, he signalled his desire to raise the thresh-old at which companies are permitted to submit simplified accounts related to

collection of value-arided tax Simplifying burdens on business has been a recurrent Conservative theme for almost 13 years. The IoD acknowledges improvements which, it believes, have increased the economy's growth potential. It con-cludes, however, that much

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sonal assets. It is still unclear whether Milken will be able

to offset the payments

against tax, a sticking point

when he first proposed the

Of his additional \$500 mil-

hion. Milken will pay \$190 million in cash and \$310 mil-

lion by liquidating Drexel-

employee partnerships through which many of the junk bonds were sold. Mil-

ken is expected to administer

settlement last month.

# Lilley clears Redland's £630m bid for Steetley

REDLAND moved significantly closer to success in its £630 million hostile bid for Steetley, a fellow building materials supplier, yesterday when Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, cleared the offer undertakings would be appropriate by next Tuesday.

subject to undertakings to sell some of Steetley's assets. Meanwhile a rival link, a joint venture in building materials with Tarmac, a third firm, has fallen foul of the competition rules and has been referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for a full investigation.

Steetley shares jumped 33p to 385p, putting them less than 20p below the bid price in new Redland shares. Redland fell 5p to 473p as dealers acented eventual victory. The trade department announced the Redland bid would go to the MMC unless "suitable undertakings" were offered by the company to remedy expected adverse effects to competition of a suc-

cessful takeover.

Mr Lilley believes that putting Redland and Steetley together would give rise to concern over the supply of

bricks in the South-East and

of clay roofing tiles in Britain as a whole. Interested third parties are asked to make their views known on what

A ruling on whether any undertakings offered are suf-ficient to allow the bid to go ahead would be made shortly after. However, the Tarmac-Steetley link will be with the MMC until at least May 16. The Redland bid could theoretically therefore be over and successful before the MMC

has finished its study. Redland immediately welcomed the news, and pledged to sell two Steetley brick plants in the South-East, at Cranleigh, Surrey and Tilmanstone, Kent, as well as the whole Steetley day tile business if the bid succeeds.

Gerald Corbett, the finance director, said: "Our worry always was that although we were prepared to give undertakings, we would be swept in on their coat-tails. It does significantly weaken the Steetley defence. There's now only one deal on the table the other's with the MMC."

The joint venture has been

referred without Steetley and Tarmac being given a chance to make undertakings. The the North-East brick market, less than 50 per cent of bricks in the South-West and almost 40 per cent of clay tiles nationally. These are the areas indicated as raising competition concerns at the trade

Richard Miles, the Steetley chief executive, refused to say if any pledges had been offered by the company but turned down by the department. "The question of specific undertakings was raised. but the minister clearly decided to take a look at the whole joint venture in its entirety, he said. "The market has drawn some conclusions. We have to wait and see.

Redland attempt to 'undertake their way through this referral, and it is not a fore-gone conclusion that they can do so, then the paucity of the commercial logic of their bid is exposed for what it is - a total sham."

Comment, page 23

#### month for receipts, followed Industry too gloomy, page 20 remains to be done. According to the report, companies with fewer than City legal advice panel proposed 200 employees account for 99.5 per cent of the UK total. generating 59.4 per cent of private-sector employment and 56.8 per cent of BY OUR BANKING CORRESPONDENT

to users. The paper is being sent to firms and the govern-According to the loD,

A COMMITTEE of bankers and stockbrokers has proposed the formation of a panel to advise firms on potential legal problems in the City and a liaison group to lobby the government for changes in legislation to improve the operation of the financial markets.

The Legal Risk Review Committee, chaired by Lord Alexander of Weedon, chairman of National Westminster, yesterday published its consultative document, Reducing Uncertainty - The Way Forward, which recommends establishing a finan-cial law panel to advise banks and securities firms of the impact of British and European law on their businesses. and warn them of any poten-

tial problems. The committee also proposes a financial law liaison group, containing City figures and government officials to discuss changes in the law needed to clarify the legal position of financial markets. The committee hopes both bodies would be funded by

firms, either through annual

ment for discussion. The Legal Risk Review

last year by the Bank of England after the dispute over interest rate swap contracts taken out by local authorities, believed to have cost banks up to £600 million. In response to the swap affair, the com-mittee is calling for the aboli-tion of the ultra vires laws, in which financial contracts with councils can be annulled if the transactions are beyond their statutory powers.

complying with tax laws cost a typical small firm £1,168 during the year to March 1987, or 3.66 per cent of its turnover. For a large com-pany, the average cost, £7,047, was 0.17 per cent of sales revenue. The IoD be-lieves the government and its agencies would have a strong incentive to simplify both taxes and collection procedures if they had to pay companies for tax collection. Small Firms in the UK Econ-

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# Milken agrees \$1.3bn settlement

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IN NEW YORK

MICHAEL Milken, jailed for ten years for criminal activities in the junk bond market, has agreed a \$1.3 billion settlement with those suing him for damages.

Some former colleagues at Drexel Burnham Lambert, the investment bank planning to emerge from bankruptcy next month and his ex-employer, are included in the deal, which is believed to

be a record. The agreement needs the approval of a bankruptcy court judge and more than 9,000 individuals connected with the case and is designed as a once-and-for-all settlement with the American gov-

ernment and investors.

Despite the size of the payout, Milken's personal fortune of close to a \$1 billion is expected to remain largely intact. Milken and a



Milken: deal from jail

handful of close colleagues at Drexel became kings of the Eighties \$300 billion American junk bond market. They sold high-risk corporate bonds, often returning 16 per cent a year, but often backed only by promises that dividends would be paid foundations. Only the judge approving the agreement will from ever rising profits. The bonds financed many

ment buyouts of the Eighties but when the market collansed three years ago, so did many of Milken's biggest customers insurance companies and savings and loan associations. Under the setdement, Milken will pay \$900 million over three years, former Drexel associates \$300 million, and Drexel's insurance company \$100 million. Milken has already paid

\$400 million towards a restitution fund as part of a \$600 million fine after admitting six criminal charges of securities fraud 15 months ago. Even after paying that, Milken's wealth — he earned \$500 million in 1987 alone was estimated at \$1 billion. About \$300 million is in names of other family memhers and those suing Milken claim he has other money in

this process from the whitecollar prison camp in Pleasanton, California, where he has spent almost a year.

before the bank went into

Former colleagues contributing to the \$300 million inchide Lowell Milken, his brother, Peter Ackerman, an ex-right hand man, and Leon Black of Drexel's corporate finance department, who is among dozens of ex-employ-ces being sued by Drexel for return of bonuses paid just

# Royal takes partners for single market

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

ROYAL Insurance and two continental groups have agreed to a £177 million joint venture in one of the industry's most visible responses yet to the single European market and the opening up of eastern Europe

Royal, Fondiaria of Italy. and Aachener und Münchener Beteiligungs, the German insurer, will be joint and equal shareholders in a Luxembourg holding group, European Partners for Insurance Cooperation (Epic). Epic will operate throughout Europe other than in the partners' home territories, and will eventually take over their non-domestic business. At present, the three com-panies' non-domestic Euroean premium income totals

The deal is likely to be scrutinised by the European Commission, but Royal expects it to be a matter of routine. Roy Randall, head of corporate relations for Royal, said: "We have had discussions with the commission. It has to be put forward [for commission review but we can say we don't expect any

The commission refused to comment. "It has not been notified so far," a spokesman said. "We can't say anything

Legal experts said a com-mission enquiry could well find in favour of a link-up.

"It depends on the structure (of the venture), but this looks like the sort of thing the commission is likely to be more in favour of," said John Ratliff, from the EC offices of Stanbrook and Hooper, the lawyers. "It's a natural consolidation that would help create a single market in in-

As part of the deal, AMB and Fondiaria will put £59 million each into Epic. Royal will sell Rodutch, its Dutch subsidiary, whose principal asset is the Royal Nederland insurance group, to the Epic consortium for £205 million, a Dutch life insurer, to

Rodutch for E20 million. The net receipts for Royal amount to £166 million. equivalent to the gross re-ceipts less its £59 million stake in Epic. Royal said yesterday that the net receipts would be used to bring down gearing by 11 percentage points from a present level thought to be around 33 per cent.. To fund the purchase of Royal's Dutch subsidiaries, Epic will need to raise a further £34 million in capital markets.

Sir John Cuckney, chairman of Royal, said the deal amounted to "a more comprehensive European coverage than we could achieve on our own".

It is thought that one of Epic's main markets for ex-pansion will be eastern Europe. Wolf-Dieter Baumgarti, ABM's managing director, said that "even for a group of our size it is easier and better to deal with the tasks facing us not only in the increasingly concentrating west European markets but also in the newly opening market of eastern Europe" Alfonso Scarpa, Fondiaria's managing director, said: This operation confirms that co-operation is more productive than takeover."

Apart from eastern Europe, which the three companies regard as a potentially lucramarket, harmonisation of European Community insurance laws is another incentive to closer co-

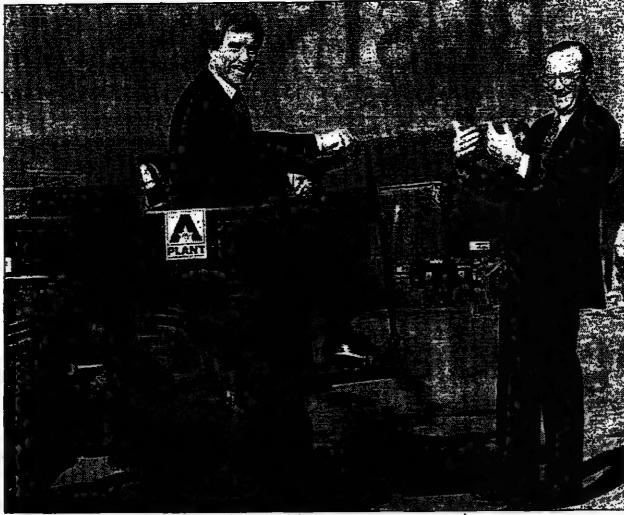
The deal follows several months of negotiations and comes amid uncertainty sur-rounding AMB. Last year Royal sold its 18.8 per cent stake in the German company to Crédit Suisse. And Assurances Générales de France, the state-owned French insurance group, has built up a 25 per cent stake in AMB, but can vote only a small part of its holding

because AMB's management has refused to register recent share purchases. Such refusal is permissible under German aw, aithough it is widely regarded, even inside Germany, as an archaic way to deal with an unwelcome shareholder. There has been some spec-

ulation in Germany that a compromise agreement could be worked out. AGF has also in the joint venture. On the London stock mar-

ket, shares in Royal closed up 2p at 232p. amid market satisfaction over the price it will receive for Rodutch. The British company has been heavily hit by the recession and especially

by mortgage indemnity losses.



Positive shrinking: Ashtead, the plant hire group, led by Peter Lewis, chairman, right, and George Burnett, managing director, say the effect of recession on its rivals is good news for the company. But Ashtead is not unscathed. Interim pre-tax profits were £1.5 million (£2.5 million). The payout stays at 1.1pTempus, page 22

# Nestlé and Indosuez agree over cheese bid

FROM REUTER IN PARIS

of its shares in Caves de

Roquefort, Credit Agricole

could choose the buyer,

though it could not come

from the Crédit Agricole

That would make the reces

sion the longest for 60 years. But in a speech at the Engi

neering Employers' Federa-

tion biennial dinner, Mr

Leigh-Pemberton said indus-

output in the final quarter.
He said he hoped that the GDP data would show indus-

try mistaken in its view that

there was a steep fall. He

reiterated the Bank's forecast

in its latest Quarterly Bulle-

tin that the economy would

recover this year: In Novem-

ber, the Bank forecast recov-

ery by the end of 1991.

Caves de Roquefort would NESTLE and the Cie de Suez arm of Banque Indosuez have continue to be respected. Nesagreed that Credit Agricole de and Indosuez said Credit Agricole, which has a 26 per should have important powers over the Caves de Roquecent stake in Roquefort, fort cheese manufacturer if would continue to control as their joint bid for control of many seats on the cheesemaker's board of directors as Roquefort's parent, Source Perrier, is successful. Nestlé and Indosuez are If Perrier wanted to sell any

**Industry too gloomy**,

says Leigh-Pemberton

BY OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

bidding Fr1.475 a share for all of Perrier. Nestle said it was con-

vinced that existing agree-ments covering milk sold to

ROBIN Leigh-Pemberton.

Governor of the Bank of Eng-

land, has attacked industry

for painting an overly pessi-

mistic view of the economy.

and predicted that govern-

ment figures out tomorrow

tening out in the final quarter

of 1991 rather than declining.
After the publication last

week of official industrial pro-

duction figures, which

showed a 0.1 per cent fall in

the fourth quarter, forecasters

predicted that initial esti-

mates of the gross domestic product would show a fall.

group, Nestle and Indosuez

Nestle has indicated that cheese is not part of its development strategy and that Caves de Roquefort could eventually be sold.

In 1991, Perrier had consolidated turnover of Fr13.56 billion, including Fr1.6 bil-lion at Caves de Roquefort. In the same notice, Nestle and Indosuez confirmed that

they have agreed to sell Perrier's Volvic still water business to BSN, the French food group, for one fifth of the market capitalisation of Per-rier, plus fees and commis-sions stemming from the takeover bid for Perrier.

The Fr1.475-per-share bid for Perrier implied a market capitalisation of Fr13.25 billion, yielding a value of Fr2.65 billion for Volvic, not including fees and

Nestle and Indosuez said the price of Volvic would be adjusted to take into account vic's net debt and one fifth of the Perrier group's debt.

If their bid succeeded, Nestle and Indosuez said that Perrier shares could be withdrawn from the Paris bourse. The bidders revealed that between them and their joint subsidiary, Demilac, they hold 71,500 shares in

# Lowndes to manage **US tunnel** insurance

BY MICHAEL TATE CITY EDITOR

A BRITISH firm has won the contract to manage the insurance cover for the \$5 billion Boston Harbour Tunnel. Lowndes Lambert Con-struction, a division of Lowndes Lambert Group Holdings, working with a Boston broker, sald that it had been appointed to man-

age the cover for the central artery and tunnel project. Known as the "big dig", the project involves the construction of 3.5 miles of tunnels and 2.3 miles of bridges for a ten-lane highway with feeder roads to relieve traffic congestion in Boston city centre. The work is expected to cost \$5.025 billion over nine years and generate 15,000 jobs.

The insurance cover to be arranged for the overall project will be primarily un-derwritten in America, but with significant participation from Lloyd's of London and The \$500 million aviation

liability cover for the work around Boston's Logan airport will be placed with Lloyd's, as will much of the marine related risk cover. Specialised "wrap-up" poli-cies are envisaged for the builder's risk, general liabil-ity, marine and aviation li-ability and worker's compen-

#### BUSINESS ROUND UP

# Stern group leads race for Maxwell stake

GRUNER & Jahr. the German publisher of Stern magazine, is the front-runner to buy the half share it does not own in an East Berlin newspaper group from the private interests of Robert Maxwell, after a breakdown in talks with a third party, the owner of Suddeutsche Zeitung. Gruner and the Robert Maxwell Group, a Maxwell private firm, each have 50 per cent of Berliner Verlag, the publisher of Berliner Zeitung and Berliner Kurier.

Gruner has first say over the shares, but it has been warned by the Bundeskartellamt, Germany's cartel agency, to find a partner in order to stay within anti-trust rules. A Gruner & Jahr spokeswoman said Süddeutscher Verlag pulled out because the company did not want to inherit Maxwell's legal status in Berliner Verlag.

# Howard in the red

HOWARD Holdings, the housebuilding and plant hire company, suffered a pre-tax loss of £211,248 (£154,765 profit) in the six months to end-October. Once again, there is no interim dividend. Last August, the group unveiled a taxable deficit of £495,000. Turnover fell to £2.71 million (£3.94 million), and the company said prospects for improvement depend on the national economy. There is a 0.69p loss per share (0.4p earnings). The shares lost 1p to

# Norex profits fall

NOREX, the shipping and insurance broker, said its results had been affected by a writedown in the book value of small vessels, forced by the depressed state of the shipping market. The group made pre-tax profits of £2.52 million for the six months to end-December, down from £3.5 million. Turnover fell from £17.8 million to £4.67 million, largely due to the sale of Norgulf Shipping last year. Earnings per share fell from 14.67p to 6.09p. There is again no interim

# TR Pacific pays extra SHAREHOLDERS in TR Pacific Trust are to collect a

special dividend of 0.45p on top of a maintained annual dividend of 0.25p. The board says the payment is necessary to comply with regulations that require investment trusts to distribute 85 per cent of their net income. The trust experienced an exceptional surge in pretax revenue after reducing its borrowing during the Gulf war. Net asset value advanced by 20.7 per cent from 66.19p to 79.92p a share in 1991. Earnings almost doubled from 0.528p to 1.039p.

### Asset value climbs

THE net asset value at Scottish Eastern Investment Trust, the investment trust managed by Martin Currie, rose 23 per cent from 56.5p to 69.5p a share over the year to end-January. This compares with a rise of 18.5 per cent in the FT all-share index over the same period. Pre-tax revenue dipped from £12.7 million to £12.5 million, as total revenue declined marginally to £19.9 million (£20.3 million). Earnings per share were static at 1.42p. The final dividend improves from 0.92p to 0.96p, making 1.42p (1.35p).

# Balancing the menu

CHARTERED Accountants' Hall in the City is joining a long list of City livery halls to be promoted for outside functions to help spread the overheads. The institute has called in Leith's, the upmarket catering company, to provide for all functions at the hall, specifically to attract more outside functions in the evenings and at weekends. The restaurant, known to generations of young accountants, is also being thrown open to the public. The institute insists that members will still have priority.

### Racal links with US

RACAL has signed a joint marketing agreement to sell its data communications and services to the users of BellSouth's telephone network in America. BellSouth, which provides a local telephone service to 17.5 million subscribers, will market its private-line and switched-data services in conjunction with Racal-Datacom's systems. Racal said the agreement would offer customers in nine states in the South-East complete end-to-end network systems and services from

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# Owners Group adds airbuses

By Philip Pangalos

OWNERS Abroad Group. Britain's second largest package holiday and aircraft group, is expanding its Air 2000 charter airline fleet, by leasing four new Airbus A320

The group, where Howard Klein, the chairman, is due to report final results today, has decided to take on the Airbus A320 after increased demand from its tour operating and aviation divisions, as well as from independent tour operators.

The upsurge in demand has been for aircraft smaller than Air 2000's existing fleet of 15 Boeing 757's, which have 233 seats each. The new Airbus A320, with 179 seats, will be able to operate from the smaller provincial airports of Bristol, Cardiff, Edinburgh, East Midlands and US politics fail to halt trade talks

By COLIN NARBROUGH ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

NEGOTIATORS from America, Cana-

da and Mexico have made clear that

they will push for a North American

free trade zone, regardless of the Amer-

ican presidential elections and unre-

solved differences between Washing-

The planned North American Free

Trade Agreement (Nafta) would pro-

vide America with a fall-back arrange-

ment if the General Agreement on

Tariffs and Trade's Uruguay Round talks on world trade failed.

Julius Katz, the American delegation

leader, responded yesterday to concern

that the political agenda in America

would hold up a deal. He said there

had been no decision not to proceed with the agreement this year. The Bush

administration earlier voiced the hope

that a world trade accord and Nafta

would be put to Congress for approval

Canada has a bilateral free trade

ton and Ottawa

early this year.

Stansted. They will also open up some new routes. The new aircraft will be taken on nineyear operating leases from ORIX Aviation Systems of

Two of the aircraft will be delivered to Air 2000 by May 1, for use during this year's



tangible result.

pact with America, but American im-

port duty on Canadian-built Japanese

cars has caused disagreement. Nevertheless, the Canadian delegation said

it did not intend to walk out of the

Nafta talks. Instead, lessons from the

America-Canada deal would be used to

help formulate the Continent-wide

agreement. Despite the public pledges

to progress on an agreement, delegates were privately indicating that Nafta

could be put on hold for at least a year,

if this week's meeting produced no

Japan; meanwhile, has called for a

meeting to amend the final draft for a

Uruguay Round accord. It does not consider that the text affords balanced

treatment of countries exporting farm

goods and those importing them, ac-

cording to Jiro Shiwaku, the Japanese

deputy minister for agriculture. He said in Tokyo on Monday that

the request for the meeting-would

mean reopening negotiations and pos-

sibly unravelling the draft agreement presented before Christmas by Arthur

summer season, with the remaining two due to come into service next year. More than 250 jobs will be created by the addition of a second aircraft type to the Air 2000 fleet. All four aircraft will be

powered with International Aero Engine's latest V2500 engines. Rolls-Royce is a partner in the IAE consortium. NatWest WoodMac, said: "It looks like a very good leasing deal and it's a sign that the demand is there. It's a good

County forecasts a jump in today's final pre-tax profits to £30.5 million (£15.3 million). reflecting a recovery from the depressed Gulf war trading period and increased market ILG. Owners shares rose 2 2p

# Johnstone to buy US sweeper firm

JOHNSTONE Group, an engineering and construction company, is moving into the mechanised road sweeper business in America by acquiring some assets of FMC Corporations's Californian sweeper division.
Johnstone's road sweeping

reputation has been built on its vacuum sweepers. While these have been successful in Britain, achieving a profitable level of sales in North America, where mechanical sweepers are favoured, has been more difficult.

The acquisition of the FMC business will make Johnstone the second largest maker of road sweepers in America. Funding for the acquisition will come from a recently

Dunkel, director general of Gatt. Mr Shiwaku said that without the meet-

ing, there would be "major confusion"

as Japan and other countries disagreed

Japan has particular difficulty in ac-

cepting an opening up of its domestic

market to imported rice because of the

political clout Japanese rice farmers command. Mr Shiwaku said that, as it

stands, the draft agreement would al-

low export subsidies to continue while

import controls would become illegal. Sir Leon Brittan, vice-president of

the European Commission, criticised

Japan's latest offer on liberalising its services sector under the Uruguay Round. He said the revised offer tabled

at the end of last week aroused some

concern because it seemed to contain

new restrictions, especially on cross-

border banking and investment ser-

Sir Leon, on a visit to Japan, said he

would seek to encourage the develop-

ment of a spirit of free competition and

open financial markets in Japan.

with the draft accord.

negotiated. medium-term banking facility.
The final size of the deal will be determined by an au-

dit to be carried out at the end of March. This is expected to produce a valuation of \$6.5 million. Johnstone's consider-ation will be \$600,000 less than the final book value. Brian Deller, finance director, admitted that the FMC

business was making losses but said Johnstone was confident that it could break even within 12 months and return to profit quite quickly. The FMC acquisition was

accompanied by a warning that the group's 1991 figures would contain further property writedowns. These relate to three office blocks the company has built in south-east England. Totalling about 70,000 sq ft of space, the blocks are complete but unlet. At the end of 1990, they stood in Johnstone's books at £17 million.

Further writedowns are expected after an external valuation, now in progress. Last October, Johnstone reported: first-half pre-tax profits of £1.25 million, 56 per down on the first half of 1990.

## **Blue Circle** does a deal in Norway

BY MARTIN WALLER BLUE Circle Industries, the biggest cement producer in Britain, has invested £1.3 million in a joint venture with Selvaag Group, a large Nor-wegian housebuilder, to export cement to Norway.

The company has also paid £2.8 million for the assets of an Italian sanitaryware maker, bought from the liquidator in a competitive tender.

Blue Circle expects to ship about 100.000 tonnes of ce-

ment from its Northfleet works on the Thames estuary to two new purpose-built ter-minals in Oslo and Stavanger owned by the joint venture, in which it will take a 49 per cent holding.

Britain's second-biggest ce-ment producer, Castle Cement, which is Scandinavianowned, currently ships some cement from Scandinavia

The Italian purchase, Simi, has a plant 40 miles from the existing sanitaryware factory north of Venice of Blue Circle's Italian business, Ceramica Dolomite. About three quarters of Simi's output goes to the Italian market and the rest to other countries in the European Community.

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# Germany slips into current deficit

By WOLFGANG MUNCHAU, EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

GERMANY'S current account was in the red by DM 34.2 billion in 1991, according to provisional Bundesbank data. It was the first deficit since the recession

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This is the latest of a string of gloomy economic signals and came only a day after the Bundesbank said that gross national product in the fourth quarter of 1991 had fallen by 0.5 per cent. That was the third successive quarterly fall in output, thus confirming the standard definition of a

The deficit reflects the import surge after unification, and accompanies a collapse of western Germany's trade surplus, which has plummetted by 80.7 per cent to DM 20.8 billion. However, sales in eastern Germany contributed about 30 per cent of that surplus, thereby mask-ing the extent of the decline,

America, Japan, France and Britain were the main beneficiaries of the German import surge. Britain's trade deficit with Germany nar-rowed from DM 17.9 billion to DM 8.1 billion, and the that end-of-year inflation figures for France are similar. Germany even recorded a DM 1.2 billion trade deficit with America, after a 1990 surplus of DM 8.3 billion, while Japan increased its sur-plus from DM 16.9 billion to DM 23.2 billion.

There was better news from the federal statistics office, which revised down January's annual inflation figure from 4.1 to 4 per cent, compared with 4.2 per cent in Decem-

Egon Hölder, president of the office, said underlying inflation was only 3.1 per cent. after indirect tax rises in 1991 were stripped out. That compares with 2.7 per cent a year earlier. The data suggest that the rise in inflation has been policy-induced, and that domestic demand and wage rises have played secondary

On a monthly basis, January inflation was up by 0.4 per cent from December, reflecting the usual beginningof-year price rises. Helmut Schlesinger, president of the Bundesbank, said recently

would show "a three ahead of the decimal point", but parliament's recent approval of an increase in value added tax by I percentage point, to 15 per cent from January 1993, will add about 0.6 of a percentage point from next

Otmar Issing, a member of the Bundesbank central council, appeared to give warning of a rise in January's M3 money supply when he said yesterday that "one should not overvalue monthly The Bundesbank is expect-

ed to publish the January data this week or early next.

Over the past few months, M3 has risen by close to 10 per cent on an annual basis, compared with a Bundesbank target range of 3.5 to 5.5 per cent.

☐ French industrial production fell by a seasonally adjusted 0.9 per cent in December. The statistical institute said it was possible that fourth-quarter GDP growth

was lower than the forecast

0.6 per cent.



Painful two years: Antony Hichens, chairman

# **Troubled Lovell** reaches pact with its banks

By MATTHEW BOND

YJ Lovell, the contractor and housebuilder, has reached an agreement with its banks that ensures the group's banking facilities will remain in place at least until the end of the

Two months ago, Lovell confirmed it had breached two banking covenants and was in talks with its banks, led by Barclays.

Lovell's total debt is about £106 million, if more than £40 million of off-balance. sheet borrowings are included. Having been required to include £61.5 million of pro-visions in December's final results, Lovell admitted it had breached its net worth covenant. The interest cover covenant had also been breached.

Under the new agreement, the company's facilities will be extended without covenant, but on a fully secured basis. Robert Sellier, Lovell's chief executive, said the banks had commissioned a report to examine whether Lovell's assets offered sufficient security for the borrowings. "That report showed

there was substantial security - certainly enough to satisfy them." He said the company would aim to negotiate new covenants for its borrowings at the end of the year.

Mr Sellier said there was no formal requirement for Lovell to make disposals to reduce its debts. "We have not been asked to make asset disposals, but we have said to the banks that if we can sensibly dispose of assets at better than fire-sale prices, we are quite prepared to do so."

Lovell shares rose 4p to 25p

yesterday. The new agreement will buy the company more time to sort out its considerable difficulties. In the two years since Lovell failed in an ambitious £167 million bid for Higgs & Hill, Antony Hichens. Lovell's chairman, has reported a series of disappointing results.

The company's withdrawal from residential urban renewal has been particularly painful. Write-offs over the past two years total about £36

# Colombia seeks talks on prices

FROM REUTER IN CARTAGENA

COLOMBIA has called for a world conference on commodities to decide how to tackle a slump in raw materials prices that has badly hit

developing nations.
On Monday, Noemi Sanin
de Rubio, the Colombian foreign minister, told the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) meeting: "All of our countries are being hard hit by the fall in international prices and perhaps by gathering together producers, consumers, marketing companies and other market agents, a coherent international poli-cy can be adopted." She believes the United Nations will convene the conference

very soon.

Prices for several commod ities, including coffee, cocoa and cotton, have dropped recently, badly affecting developing nations who rely on them for export earnings.

Falling coffee prices last week forced Colombia to cut the price it pays to growers, drawing protests from farmers. Columbia is the main backer of efforts to negotiate a new International Coffee Agreement. The collapse of the old agreement in 1989

# **US** arm of TNT suffers in recession

TNT, the global transport group, said net income from TNT Freightways Corp. its American trucking unit being floated to the public, fell to \$7.3 million in the six months to December 28 from \$8.42 million a year earlier.

that: "A significant downturn in customers' businesses due to a continued recession could have a material effect on the profitability of the

TNT is floating 75 per cent of Freightways by issuing 12.5 million shares, 10 million in America and 2.5 million in the rest of the

Freightways operates a group of less-than-truckload (LTL) motor carriers delivering in America and to some parts of Canada. TNT said Freightways lifted operating revenue to \$350.65 million in recession hit operations in north-eastern America and California where operating revenues were lower.

TNT said that if the Amerirecession continued, Freightways would reduce working hours, other operating expenses and capital spending. Net income to June 30, 1991 was \$16 million, up

# **Bond says** creditors' sums are wrong

ALAN Bond, the Australian businessman, has won another two weeks to fight a US\$194 million bankruptry

fell to \$7.3 million in the six months to December 28 from \$8.42 million a year earlier.

TNT said Freightways' first-half operating expenses increased, adding in the prospectus for the public offering that "A significant desertion." led by Hongkong and Shang-hai Banking Corp and hand-ed to him in December. He has until March 2 to comply.

If Mr Bond fails to pay the banks - he has the choice of doing so in American or Australian dollars - they can apply for the appointment of a trustee to take over his

The banks began bankruptcy proceedings against the former chairman of Bonal Corp Holdings last September. On March 2, Federal Court judge Trevor Morling will hear Mr Bond's challenge to the notice.
Bernard Coles, Mr Bond's

the first half of 1991-2 from \$322.11 million. But the recession his constitution in lawyer, yesterday told the court that the exchange rate used by the banks to calculate the Australian dollar amount was incorrect, invalidating the order. The US\$194 million was a personal guarantee by Mr Bond on a US\$340 million loan to his private company, Dalihold Investments, to fund development of the Greenvale nickel mine

in Queensland. Dallhold was put into liqui-

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### from \$14.4 million. dation last July. **Investors advised** to avoid Ratners BY CILLIAN BOWDITCH

RATNERS Group shares are potentially valueless and should be avoided, according to a report by Paul Deacon, retail analyst at Goldman Sachs.

Mr Deacon, who has been researching the company for several months, says Britain's largest jewellery group should survive its current difficulties but that everything hinges on Christmas this year. Ratners' shares stand at 184 p.
Most of Ratners' "debt" is

in the form of preference shares and Mr Deacon says accumulated preference dividends, which have to be paid before the group can resume the payment of ordinary dividends, mean that an earnings recovery is some way off.

He adds: "This, together with the risk of equity dilution, or worse, makes the ordinary shares highly speculative and potentially valueless.

Mr Deacon recommends that committed investors should switch into the two convertible preference share issues, which are trading at 17 per cent of face value, or the 4 per cent Euroconvertible bond, which is yielding 98 per cent annualised to the October put option. Although speculative, these instruments could represent good value if Ratners manages a modest reduction in losses, squeezes working capital and

sells some assets. He believes the UK arm of



Ratner: difficulties

profits before tax and interest to about £45 million, assuming the strategic problems are addressed and there is no serious problem with the Eurobond, the redemption of which will cost £59 million in October this year.

Mr Deacon says Kay Jewelers, the American operation, bought in 1990, should recover more quickly than the UK as it does not have the same strategic problems: He sees American profits before tax and interest bouncing back to about £50 million.

However, total group pretax profits of £75 million may not come about until 1995-96. "Although this would ply around 7.8p of earniaccumulated preference dends could wipe most of out," Mr Deacon adds.

Unless there is a substan resurgence in profitabl the question of capital st tion for equity holders.





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ture will have to be tackled. move that, he says, would almost certainly involve dilu-

Ratners, whose chief executive is Gerald Ratner, should eventually be able to restore

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# Greece seeks **UK** bids for road project

By PHILIP PANGALOS

THE Greek government wants British firms to tender for the construction of a £615 million Athens motorway project. British organisations are also being invited to take part in a privatisation pro-gramme, on which the Greek government has been advised by N M Rothschild, the mer-

chant bank. Achilleas Karamanlis, the environment, town planning and public works minister, announced details of the 200 billion drachma Athens motorway project, which will cut through northern and eastern districts of the city. The project will be on a build-operate-transfer basis. The deadline for submitting an interest to bid is mid-May.

The planned motorway will be about 58.9km (37 miles) long, including a 6.3km three-lane ring road leading to Athens from Mount Hymettus and a throughway with 21 flyovers from Spata. The project will help reduce traffic and pollution in central Athens.

Pre-qualifying bids are likely to be made by July, with a decision anticipated before the end of the year. Contractors are expected to be ap-

pointed early next year.

Last year, the European

Community granted Greece a 2.2 billion ecu (£1.6 billion) balance of payments loan, part of which is being used to finance public infrastructure

Among British firms hoping to play a greater role in Greece's future are Hill Samuel, TSB's merchant banking arm, which was recently se-lected as a financial adviser for a Dr60 billion (£184 million) metropolitan railway project at Salonika, northern

A Dr300 billion underground railway project is also planned for central Athens. The project involves building and equipping two new un-derground railway lines of about 18km and linking them to a single existing track. Operation is expected to start by 1997.

A number of other infra-structure plans are either under way or in the pipeline. These include a Dr70 billion project to build a self-financing 2.5km bridge to connect the central and southern parts of Greece, which has attracted substantial foreign interest, including a pre-qualifying bid to tender from Britain's Trafalgar House.

Pre-qualifying bids have also been received from consortia including British Aero-space and Trafalgar House for the new Athens international airport, which is ex-pected to cost US\$1.5 billion. The new airport will be built 25km east of Athens, near

The new airport, which will have an initial capacity of 20 million passengers a year, and new roads connecting it to central Athens, should be completed by 1996. The existing airport at Hellenikon, south of Athens, is expected to close as soon as the new one

# Ashtead tunes up its engine

ASHTEAD has long had a reputation for running its plant-hire business with enviable efficiency. The firm's latest interim results suggest that the same acumen is now being lent to the balance

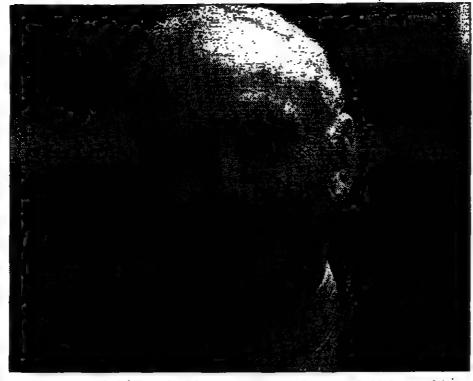
It was not so much the decision to raise £5.8 million through a rights issue last April that was inspirational. but the subsequent decision not to spend the proceeds. After all, why buy into an upturn, if there is no sign of that upturn actually arriving.

The result is that, unlike a year ago, when the company was battling against reces-sion with gearing of more than 80 per cent, it finished the six months to October 31 with the figure down to just 42 per cent. That was the lowest since the present management bought into the company eight years ago.

As long as the company's

ment continue to exercise the same restraint.
Ashtead looks certain to ride out the recession considerably more comfortably than most of its peers and emerge in far better shape. The new-found strength of

its balance sheet means that Ashtead, unlike many of its competitors, can invest in the renewal and repair of its plant. In the first half, capital expenditure totalled £3.3 million, just £400,000 less than the interim depreci-ation charge. In addition, a further £1.8 million has been spent on parts and spares. Recovery is likely to find many plant hire fleets rusty and seized. Ashtead's will not be one of them.



Well aware of pitfalls: John Morgan, Porvair chairman and chief executive

response to recession has inevitably had an impact on margins. The 11 per cent fall in turnover is virtually all down to lower prices rather than reduced activity, with the result that operating margins have declined from 20 per cent to 11.8 per cent. Nevertheless, all but two of the company's 50 outlets are

trading profitably.

Carr Kitcat & Aitken expects full-year profits of £3 million, putting the shares, multiple of over 15. Expensive this year, but quality will

Porvair SHAREHOLDERS in Portair, the specialist plastics manufacturer, who had their

fingers burned in 1989 when the share price almost halved about a rights issue intended to allow the company to go

unfortunate because it came only a year after flotation on the USM. Since then, the group has regained much of its credibility and John Mor-gan, chairman and chief

gan, charman and cher executive, points out that the company is well aware of the pitfalls of rapid expansion. The group is raising £3.3 million in a one-for-four rights issue at 115p and says £3.5 million acquisition is just round the corner, not to mention a couple of joint ventures with textile comequire up to El million.

The rights issue was accompanied by good final results and news of a move to the main market, both of which made the fundraising easier to swallow. Most of the directors are taking up their rights and the rest has been underwritten by Hill

For the year to end-November, the group made pre-tax profits of £1.67 milion, up from £1.51 million. Turnover rose from £15.5 million to £16.6 million and earnings per share fell from 11.6p to 10.9p after a trebled tax charge of £347,000. The final dividend is 2.2p, making 3.3p (3p) for the year.

Mr Morgan says that while the group is exploiting new markets, such as ceramic moulding, seamless pipes and fire protected textiles, the common theme is the application of its micro-porous technology. The group is best known for its eathers used in the manufacture of shoes and footballs but it also produces "breathable", waterproof fibres for outdoor clothes. It has recently won an order to produce fabric for fire brigade

The rights issue will be marginally dilutive and analysts are expecting pro-tax profits of 62 million post rights this year. On a theo-retical ex-rights price of 132p, the shares are trading on 13.6 times earnings. Shareholders should take up

### WALLSTREET

# Dow edges higher in early trading

New York — Blue chips recovered from opening losses and edged higher in lack-lustre early trading. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 3.03 points to 3,249.

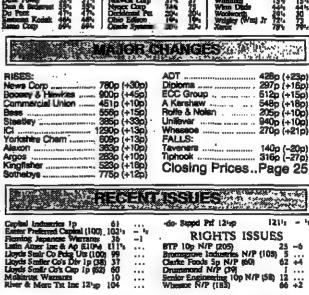
The broader market became mixed after a firmer opening. Analysts said that oil shares came under selling pressure after Opec's decision to cut oil output by less than expected.

☐ Tokyo — Prices dropped sharply and the Nikkei ended

more than a year, erasing Monday's yen-inspired jump. The Nikkei index fell 452.95 points. or 2.12 per cent. to 20,872.03. Turnover fell to about 200 million shares compared with 206 million on Monday.

☐ Frankfurt — Shares closed almost 1 per cent higher but just shy of the key 1.700 level. The Dax index closed 13.92 points up at 1,694.99.

(Reuter)



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# Goldman Sachs tips Hanson

have lost some of its appeal as far as the City institutions are concerned, the shares are being recommended to the American fund managers. Despite the closure of Wall Street on Monday for the anniversary of George Washington's birthday, Goldman Sachs, the New York securities house, was strongly recommending the shares to its

Hanson reported its firstever fall in pre-tax profits last week when it weighed in with first-quarter figures showing a 6 per cent fall to £226 million. Lord Hanson, the chairman, and Lord White, who heads the group's American operations, have been under a spotlight since Han-son bought a near 3 per cent stake in ICI (at £11.94 a share) last year and have attracted some criticism in the City. Hanson gained 7 2p to 210 2p, while ICI rose 13p to

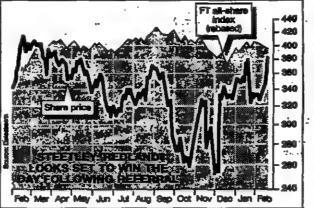
The feeling among the institutions is that the group has lost some of its sparkle. However, Goldman Sachs seems to be taking a different view and regards Hanson as good value for money. Only time will tell.

A strong futures market and another firm start to trading on Wall Street en-abled share prices in London to extend their recent gains. The FT-SE 100 index closed near its best of the day, finishing 14.9 ahead at 2,555.9. Conditions remained voiatile with most institutions uncertain about the economic and political outlook. However, the hopes of an early cut in bank base rates kept investors **Optimistic** 

Government securities enjoyed another positive day. with prices at the longer end recording gains of up to Eb as soon in rates.

Steetley soared 33p to 385p on the news that the proposed merger of its building products division with that of Tarmac's had been referred to the monopolies commission. Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, also threat-ened to refer Redland's proposed £650 million bid for Steetley. However, Redland, down 5p at 473p, has already said it is willing to make meet conditions laid down by the government before completing the bid. Market speculators are now convinced that the bid will be allowed to proceed. Tarmac finished 2p

lower at 122p.
Tiphook, the container rentals group, remains out of favour with the City and the share price dropped a further 27p to 316p. Once again, there is talk that the shares are still vulnerable to bear



raids. There is no further word from the company and fund managers are becoming increasingly nervous.

The revival in retail sales,

highlighted by the CBI survey this week, continued to boost stores. In thin trading, gains

Developments, 2p to 373p.

Great Universal Stores' A shates were another firm market, 17p better at £15.08. amid hopes for news soon of their long-awaited enfranchisement. Royal Insurance enjoyed an early mark-up.

Rotork, the environmental controls group, continued to make headway, climbing 4p to 309p, on revived takeover talk. Rotork was linked with Control Securities a couple of years ago. Control bought a stake and then sold it. Rotork's name is now being mentioned with that of Siebe, 1p shy at 551p. Dealers say that, after the acquisition of Foxboro in America, it may now be looking for other deals.

were seen in Alexon, 10p to 363p, Argos, 10p to 283p, Boots, 2p to 463p. Dixons. 4p to 249p, Etaus, 4p to 234p, Kingfisher, 14p to 523p, Next. 1 bp to 68 bp. Ratners, 2p to 20 bp. Sears. 2p to 106p, and Fine Art

but lost some of its lead to close just 2p better on the day at 232p. The group has formed a joint-venture company with AMB of Germany and Fondiaria of Italy. The three companies are transferring their European insur-

Luxembourg company. The implication is that Royal will raise its solvency level by about 5 per cent and reduce gearing by 11 per cent. The rest of the insurers attracted selective support before the dividend-reporting season with Commercial Union 10p hetter at 451p and General Accident 6p up at 426p, while Guardian Royal Es-change was, unaltered at 121p. Sun Alliance, where a question mark remains over the dividend, fell 2p to 274p. The clearing banks, also

ance operations to a new

two, made some headway with the income funds top ping up their holdings. Lioyds, which starts the season on Friday, rose 3p to 394p. National Westminster, reporting next week, added 4p to 289p. There were also gains for Midland, 5p to 232p. Barclays, 3p to 380p. Abbey National, 1p to 290p. while Standard Chartered

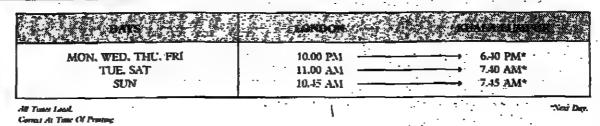
was unchanged on 429p.
McKechnie firmed 5p to
310p on revived bid hopes.
Whispers among the speculators suggest that Williams Holdings, 3p better at 319p. may be ready to have another go. Williams has also made unsuccessful bids for Racal Electronics, unchanged at 54p, and Noccres, 2p dearer

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# Redland given a green light

S teetley was putting a brave face on the news yesterday, but it is clear that the twin rulings by the trade and industry department. the trade and industry department, guided by the Office of Fair Trading, are a bitter blow. Redland's hostile bid will go ahead, if the company can come up with the necessary undertakings. But Steetley's rival joint venture with Tarmac goes to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, a compromise having failed to materialise over weeks of talks between the two companies.

Redland should have no difficulty coming up with a game plan that satisfies the authorities - indeed. the shortlist of proposed sales that emerged not long after the announcement is clearly the outcome of similar weeks of talks and will come as little surprise to the OFT. The only fear for Redland, and it is a faint one, is that one of the third parties being asked for their views will raise an area of potential competition not yet identified in more than two months of deliberations.

Steetley and Tarmac had not set their faces against some sort of deal, but it is clear that the scale of disposals required by the department would have negated the whole point of the merger and wiped out a large chunk of the estimated £10 million of cost savings it offered. The OFT has taken a tough line on the building materials industry at a time when that industry is going through what some

claim is the toughest recession in living memory.

The Redland bid will now presumably resume where it left off, on day 39, shortly after next Tuesday, when representations are due in at the OFT. The expectation in the market, reflected by yesterday's sharp jump in the Steetley share price, is that the bid will eventually succeed but it may have to be sweetened a little. Redland, for its part, points out that this has already happened, via a 20p rise in its share price since the bid was announced while prices elsewhere in the sector have been falling. True: but a boost in the cash element would put the matter beyond doubt.

# **Auditing audits**

he debate over the roles of directors and auditors is hotting up before the pre-liminary report of the Cadbury committee. Further indication of what it might contain comes in the report of a working party of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Scotland. Its suggests listed company directors should state in annual reports their responsibility for the accounts, as well as reviewing internal controls. Audit committees of non-executives should deal with audit matters and all directors should read the auditor's annual report to management. Directors should. via a change in the law, also have an obligation to say if they have the resources to ensure the

company is a going concern.

Nigel Macdonald, a vice president of the second institute and chairman of the working party, is at the centre of this debate. He prepared somewhat notorious paper on the auditor report for the Auditing Practices Board which appeared to disclaim much significance for the role of auditors. This turned out to be a useful starting point for the APB's later proposals to hang a series of more useful items on an expanded auditors' report. Mr Macdonald is also a member of the Cadbury committee. If the Scottish institute proposals are any guide, the Cadbury recommendations may be gradualist and offend few. The critical questions will be whether they are enforced quickly and compulsorily and whether the change of form will lead to a change of substance that will provide a more accurate guide to the state of companies' affairs.

# Banking on a rapid upturn before Europe and the credit crunch

The big banks will soon report their worst-ever

figures. Neil Bennett says that despite huge write-offs, the worries may be far from over

ver the next two weeks. Britain's banks will display their scars to the in-vesting public. The reporting season for the bank's 1991

dismal in the lenders' history.

The unprecedented number of company insolvencies and the rise in surge in bad debts that one or even two banks will again report losses, something unthinkable five years ago. The City has long been expecting bad news from the lenders about their performance in 1991. What it is praying for is some comfort from the banks' chairmen that the worst might finally be over. Even that is far from certain.

The banks, meanwhile, face a basketful of new troubles. The run of losses has so weakened their financial position that many investors worry they will not be able to meet loan demand when the economy begins to recover, and that a long-feared "credit crunch" will follow. Worse still, shareholders lear the lenders might be forced to return to the stock market with new rights

issues to pay for old mistakes.

The banks' results will be dominated by bad debt provisions. Michael Lever and Alison Deuchars, banking analysts at Smith New Court, estimate that provisions at the five main banks, incuding Abbev National, will total £5.7 billion. a 41 per cent increase on 1990. This means that the banks were writing off £650,000 an hour throughout

Domestic provisions are expected to total 2.58 per cent of British lending. This is more than two-anda-half times higher than the worst figure during the recession in the

The scale of the bad debt provisions will produce a series of anomalies in the banking figures. Lloyds could become Britain's most profitable bank, with profits up to £30 million higher than Barclays, thanks to a strong contribution from its life assurance subsidiary. Even Abbey National, the former building society, might be able to beat

Barclays' profits.

National Westminster is destined to fall particularly hard. Only four years ago, it stood ahead of all its peers in profitability and assets. Now it is teetering on the brink of a loss, thanks to heavy provisions in both Britain and America.

Even Natwest's fail is light compared with the dire problems at Midland. City analysis no longer question whether the bank will make a loss; that much is certain. Instead, the debate is over the size of the deficit. If the bank loses more expect, it will exhaust its distribu-

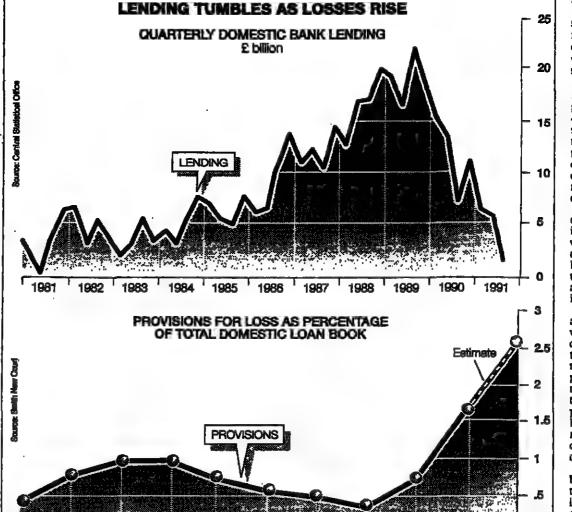


table reserves and be unable to pay a final dividend.

The figures are particularly hard to bear since they will indicate fur-ther deterioration in the banks' loan books in the second half of 1991. Six months ago, the City hoped that the worst of the provisions was past, and bank shares surged in response. The collapse of Robert Maxwell's media empire and a continuing procession of receiverships and liquidations en-

sured this optimism was misplaced. The prospects for any substantial recovery in 1992 also look slim. Bad debt provisions have a close correlation to the number of company failures. These are at record levels, and still rising, although not as rapidly

brought much-needed relief to com panies in the past year, and their recovery will quicken if the economy starts to improve towards the end of the year. The problem is that both company failures and the resulting had debt provisions have historically lagged behind the recovery. After the last recession, the banks' bad debt provisions peaked in 1984. while corporate insolvencies reached their peak a year later, when the

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economy was growing rapidly. The banks argue that in this recession they have been quicker to spot when a customer is in difficulty and provided against their borrowings earlier, so that bad debts will not continue to rise. The collarse of the Maxwell companies, however, does not inspire confidence about the banks' ability to predict financial troubles before they occur.

The growth in the banks' profits as in the past two years. will also be held back by a lack of The fall in interest pages has debt recoveries. In the past, the lenders have been able to quickly out of a recession by selling the assets on which they had forebanks to write back some of the

earlier provisions and boost profits. This time, however, the prospect for recoveries is slim. Many of the loans the banks made to smaller companies in the late Eighties were unsecured, and the assets of the companies were negligible in any case. As a result, a large proportion of the provisions will become perma-

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On the most optimistic forecasts, bad debt provisions might fall by a quarter in the current year, and still be the second highest on record. But even that would be a welcome relief, boosting profits by £1.4 billion.

The turnround for NatWest should be swifter. A big factor in the bank's poor performance in 1991 was a loss of \$352 million from Nat-West Bancorp, its American subsidin 1992, boosting the group's profits by more than £200 million.

On an optimistic note, the banks have positioned themselves to take full advantage of any fall in bad debts. All of them have implemented intensive cost-cutting programmes. More than 30,000 staff went last year and several hundred unprofitable branches were closed. The long overdue clearout means all the banks are expected to produce record operating profits before provisions. The improvement will be most dramatic at Midland where Smith New Court estimates operating pro-

fit rose 32 per cent to £979 million. Even so, profits will remain severely depressed this year and next, and this has given rise to fears of a credit crunch, where the banks will be unable to lend, due to a shortage of capital.

At present, the capital ratios of the British banks are among the strongest in the world, and well above the 4 per cent international minimum standard set by the Bank for International Settlements in Basic. While their capital is being eroded by bad debt provisions and property write-downs, weak demand for loans means that asset books are static or even shrinking.

The problem will come when the economy begins to recover and lending demand returns. Nevertheless, it would take a growth in assets of 15 or 20 per cent before most of the banks suffered any noticeable capital shortage, and few analysts expect anywhere near that amount of activity until the middle of the decade.

But the lenders are likely to create a credit crunch of a different type when the borrowers reappear. The current belief among bankers is that they were far too free with credit in the late Eighties, and failed to take proper security or charge adequate rates. They have given notice that this will change. Small companies in particular are already finding it far harder and more expensive to borrow than before. To them this is a credit crunch, whatever the actual

The final obstacle facing the banks is the fall in interest rates, and the prospect that rates will be low long-term now the pound is in the exchange-rate mechanism.

anks traditionally earn a large proportion of their income from interest-free assets, principally funds in personal current accounts. Smith New Court estimates that these accounted for 22 per cent of income in 1990. But last year, the income came under pressure both from the decline in interest rates and the ing to interest-bearing current accounts. Smith New Court estimates the contribution from interest-free assets fell to 15 per cent last year. The banks, however, have minimised the effect by widening interest fees, and seem able to withstand the future erosion of this income source.

The past two years have had a profound effect on Britain's banking industry. The devastating rise in bad debt provisions and the resulting losses have shattered the cosy illusion of stability and invulnerability that permeated the clearers. The result has been complete upheaval including job cuts and the arrival of new technology on a scale that revol-utionised British industry a decade ago. Meanwhile, the easy credit policies of the freewheeling Eighties

are a distant, bitter memory. The banks must show they have learnt from their mistakes and are lean and fit enough to take on their strongest rivals in the single European market. Otherwise, the financial tragedy of the past two years will be compounded many times over.



#### Quartet for one

Magnor Changes

COMPANY doctor David James, who last week announced that he would be handing over the executive reins at Davies & Newman to an ex-Cathay Pacific executive, has had additional cause for celebration in another sphere. A keen opera and music buff, James, a bachelor, has been subsidising some talented musicians. Not only does he personally annually sponsor a series of musical weekends at the Castle Hotel, Taunton, he has also commissioned a string quartet by Anthony Powers, aged 37, whom he describes as "one of the rising stars of British music." The quartet, Powers' second, was performed for the first time on Saturday in Taunton, by the Lindsay Quartet, and was enthusiastically received by the 180strong audience. They will perform it again in Sheffield tonight and the BBC made a recording of it on Monday. So enthused is James that he is now planning a London performance of the 25minute work, and is considering another in New York. "It has four movements, all strictly tonal stuff and I think it is a tremendously exciting work," he says. Undeterred by the £10,000 plus cost, he would now like to commission more work from other

### Close to home

musicians.

WHEN Michael Heseltine spoke of his Challenger initiative to combat inner city crime at the Chartered Institute of Building's annual dinner at the Guildhall last night, he may have seen a



"Probably one of the European Royals"

little gentle nudging on the top table. Heseltine, the guest speaker, might be amused to learn that two weeks ago the CIB increased its own security by installing an automatic barrier at the entrance to its Ascot headquarters, even though it had never been burgled. A week later, thieves struck, taking two cars, one a pool car, the other belonging to the CIB's deputy chief executive. Peter Vangucci.

### Return trip

ROGER Seelig, spotted at Terence Conran's new restaurant, Le Pont de la Tour, on Thursday, was again out celebrating on Friday. Seelig. accompanied by his former co-detendant Lord Spens and several of their defence barristers, turned up at the Balls Brothers wine bar in Hays Galleria, near Southwark Crown Court, in the afternoon, and stayed for more than an hour. They all - save Lord Spens, who can't stand the stuff and stuck resolutely

Cristal champagne, at £59.50 a bottle. "They came in here regularly throughout the trial for a sandwich and a glass of most of the champagne."

mercial Union's unit trust

## WHEN Brian Garlick, Com-

sales manager, says the sawdust on his jacket is the result of attending an unusual religious ceremony, he is telling the truth, but not quite the whole truth. Garlick, who fell off a stool after the ceremony, on to the sawdust-covered floor, was in the company of people like Charlie Philipson. of Fiske & Co, and Alan "the bald eagle" Kemp, once the senior partner of Kemp Mitchell, as they listened intently to the Rev John Cowling, rector of St Olaves Church, Mark Lane, on Monday. The rector, who is also responsible for the spiritual well-being of those employed in the wine trade within the City of London, was at Eatons at the Minster, a new wine bar in Mincing Lane, to bless the bar, originally part of the interior of Salford Cathedral. "Because we are part of the Minster Court development, we thought it would be appropri-

ate to have an ecclesiastical ket caterer, with, so far, one wine bar. Others are planned. to his customary vodka and

# tonic — drank Louis Roederer

wine or a vodka," says man-ager Nigel Dean, "and yes, they did come here for refreshment on Friday. Seelig was the first to leave, Lord Spens stayed the course, but it was the barristers who drank

### Floor show

theme throughout the wine bar," says Chris Haynes, ex-Balls Brothers, and now a director of Eatons, an up-mar-

## Economy needs frost of recession

From Dr Des Keenan Sir. Why is it that there is so much lamentation over the recession? Recessions are as

Abbey National Barclays Lloyds Midland

beneficial to economies as winters are to gardens. The capitalist system is not an unstable one but an oscillating one. Its stability has proved immune to wars, bub-bles, speculations, frauds.

and ever-rising populations. It brought undreamt-of prosperity to millions. Booms, like spring, pro-mote new enterprises. Recessions weed out the unfit and sclerotic firms. Efficiency and

adaptability are maximised: cosiness and restrictions minimised. Labour was not tied up unprofitably. The disadvantages of a free capitalisi economy were re-

marked on. A weaver could be employed fully one year, and not at all the next. Attempts were made to flatten

#### many British A roads are better British is not best than their motorways. Well, From Mr Joris F. W. van Hees Mr Jenkins, then I really do not Sir. Mr Roy Jenkins is still very know where you have been. The French "peages" are among the best highways in

proud to be British and the British Institute of Management is not? I did not read in Mr Jenkins' lener (February 12) any reason why they took the decision to drop the word "British". I only know that British Leyland did so years ago, and that may have "saved" the company. Their products and their name were so bad that nobody on the Continent would ever buy such a British mis-product.

I come from Holland and back home nobody will ever buy British products if they do not really have to. We take a look to the "DIN-Norm" (German) and that gives us a guarantée, moré or less. Do you ever see an Austin on the European highways? Never! It is Mr Jenkins's pleasure to CAROL LEONARD show his French friends that

and outsiders the cycle, to even out the From Mr Piers Gibson bumps and hollows, to restrict competition by cartels Sir, Mr David Coleridge reor tariffs. Attempts were acts with understandable fury made to replace the entire to the outrageous accusation

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But none of the alternatives worked. They could not, for they removed the frost of recession. And, the more successful the planners were in removing recessions, the bigger the shake-up there had to be when the artificial con-

straints were eventually re-

system with a fully planned

It was often said that any fool can make a profit in a boom; the successful manager is the one who copes with the recessions as well.

the world: top quality roads

that at least have gas stations.

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hear an Italian man, who

speaks English to a Russian.

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Italian man does speak

another language, while most of the British are too lazy for

that and too arrogant, because

the rest of the world has to

So it is nice to be proud of

being British but sometimes it

really helps when you drop the

JORIS F.W. VAN HEES,

Mr Jenkins is also proud to

can only dream of.

speak English.

word "British".

Yours faithfully.

DES KEENAN, 129 Bluebird Walk. Chalk Hill Road. Wembley Park,

#### "The Storks", Fairmile Lane, Cobham, Surrey. From Mr B.W. Dixon FIAC, **AMBIM**

Sir. As an associate member of The British Institute of Management I am in full agreement with Roy Jenkins' letter (February 12). Why should the word British be dropped? Whatever the reason there must be some other way to handle this delicate

Lloyd's: insiders

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Yours sincerely

PIERS GIBSON,

25 Sumner Place.

It has always been "British Made", a slogan which has lasted over the years. Surely we must never forget those

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# England gamble with Lamb

CRICKET CURVESPONDENT IN SYDNEY

BOXERS, preparing for a championship bout, have their jealously guarded trainparing for the World Cup. have open house at warm-up games and yesterday, on opposite sides of this city, the two heavyweights of the competition went through their paces in markedly different atmos-

Australia, the champions and short-priced favourites. looked in formidably good batting order as they tied a sternly competitive game against the New South Wales side, watched by upwards of 3,000 paying customers.

There were no more than a dozen speciators watching England's final practice game, one they had little difficulty in winning as it was against themselves — Gooch's XI against Stewart's XI, with a smattering of wintering English county players making up the numbers.

With the decline of the West Indies and the demise of Wagar Younis, of Pakistan, England's Cup odds have shortened. They are what John McCririck would describe as the "steamer" of the

If yesterday's preamble, in modey dress on the local university ground, had the feel of a gentle schooling session, it was a fulfilling day for Graeme Hick, who made 95, and a pretty serious exercise for two more of the party.
Phil DeFreitas, whose

groin strain has been a source of concern for some weeks now, needed to bowl flat out He did so and, although noticeably tiring in the sapping, 90-degree heat, he felt no reaction. "No problems at all," he said. "I have been able to bowl without discomfort for a few days now and I

am very relieved."

For Neil Fairbrother it was also a day of decision. Almost five weeks since he last batted in a competitive game, he knew his World Cup place would go to Mark Ramprakash unless he could prove himself recovered from a side injury. With Allan Lamb, a sad spectator yesterday, al-ready ruled out for three weeks, England could not afford another half-fit bassman. Fairbrother convinced the men who matter, and Eng-



Someone to lean on: Lamb gets a helping shoulder from Laurie Brown, the physiotherapist, yesterday

land, late last night, con-firmed their original selection of 14, including the gamble that Lamb will be fit for at least the second half of the

Australia appear to have had a trouble-free approach to their defence of the Cup and their confidence shone through at the North Sydney Oval. This is a charming, time-warp of a ground, built up inside the last ten years into a monument to the oldstyle Sydney Cricket Ground, complete with a stand and clock tower from the original

There was nothing gende or old-fashioned about the cricket, however. The concept of a friendly match is anathema to Australians; hence, we had Steve Waugh, represent-

ing New South Wales, bowling a stony-faced bouncer to his brother, Mark, and Mike Whitney, another Australian player in the state side, giving no apparent apology for a chest-high full-toss at Tom Moody; who was riled enough to respond with four consecutive blows for four.

The Australians leave for Auckland tomorrow and play their only "away" game against New Zealand on Saturday. After that, it will be Cup fever all the way — Sydney has already sold out for the holders matches against South Africa and England in the next formight.

# Richardson claims coach is needed

tain. Richie Richardson, criticised his nation's World Cup planning yesterday, a matter of days before they open with match against Pakistan in Melbourne on Sunday, Richardson said his team was at a disadvantage because it does not have a full-time coach.

He said the West Indies Cricket Board was moving towards the appointment of a coach, but questioned the timing, saying it was a mistake to go into the Cup com-

In the past two seasons the team's one-day record has been poor, winning just three

David Boon's rich batting form continued yesterday as he hit 104 in a warm-up match between Austrulia and New South Wales that was tied. New South Wales managed just one run in the last of the 50 overs, finishing on 277 (or eight. (Agencies)

# Report explores muddy waters

The latest Blue Book brief from the Atlantic Salmon Trust (AST), the charitable organisation which seeks to protect the most beroic and threatened of all our fish, is calculated to make schizophrenic any angler and conservationist even remotely interested in the species.

The pressures on the fish - most of them, if not all man-made — are enough to make one marvel that there are any Atlantic salmon left to fight for. Yet the cogency and vigour of its tiny cham-pion, which worries at the trouser-leg of officialdom like a Jack Russell terrier, would leave room for hope even if it were the only organisation in the field, which

it is not The Blue Book just out is a progress report on the AST's activities at year-end 1991 and on salmon survival issues. including the subtle and disquieting threat to wild salmon stocks through their interaction with salmon escaping from

fish farms. glance guide to why salmon runs, and salmon bags, are likely to be at their present abysmai levels. It shows, too, how the future of salmon angling as a sport is inextricably bound up with the sombre issues which the AST is addressing.

The pressures on the saimon while in the sea do not all concern over-netting, even though that is where much effort has rightly gone. Climatic change is one other pressure. Predation by seals is another. A third is the ero-sion of the food chain on which wild salmon, sea trout and other species

The fish at the lower end of this food chain are being trawled out of the north Atlantic in vast quantities. Factory ships process these fish in their thousands of tons to provide a number of products, one of which is fish-feed pellets. Caged salmon held in the

salmon farms off the Scottish, Irish and Norwegian coasts are fed on these pellets. So there is every likeli-hood that the food chain on which a declining popula-tion of wild fish depends is being eroded to feed at least some of the fish in the

BRIAN CLARKE

The AST has persuaded the British government that the interaction of such ssures on salmon while in the sea is so complex that they need to be looked at in the round, and that research and public funding priorities need to be coordinated among the vari-

ous bodies involved. The AST's report gives a disquieting update on a study it has commissioned into how escaped farm salmon and wild salmon behave together in rivers. In short, escaped farm salmon have been found to spawn with wild fish on a significant scale.

This is a matter of real concern, given that some scientists believe there are significant genetic differ-ences between fish reared for the table and fish that have evolved in the wild.

nglers and conservationists fear that the fromsis tear user man gene-mixing could have an adverse effect on future generations of salmon — for example, by im-pairing their ability to fend for themselves, or by affect-ing their ability to resist disease, or by interfering with their migratory

It is not that such effects are known to follow interbreeding, it is simply that nobody knows what the ef-

fects might be.

The AST's three-year research programme is being
undertaken by scientists
from the Scottish Office's
from the Jehovatory in marine laboratory in Aberdeen and has concentrated on Scotland's northwest coast, where hundreds of thousands of salmon are known to have escaped from farms in recent years. Radio tags were attached to farm fish, which were

then released. Subsequently, 16 rivers between the Cree in Galloway and the Carron in Ross-shire were monitored. Even though analysis of the data is not complete, it is known that escaped fish have successfully spawned in at least 14 of these

On some rivers, the spawnings have actually been observed and some farm salmon were seen to

had got there first. The result was that the young of the already-scarce wild fish were lost.

On other rivers, the matings came to light when scientists returned to the rivers after the eggs had hatched. They were able to Or identify some alevins as having had at least a farmed female parent because a pigment fed to the adult to make its flesh red had been passed on to the young. Up to 20 per cent of alevins in some rivers had this pigment.

owever, it seems certain that large numbers of other ents remained undetected. It is known that not all farm fish are fed the dye in the form the researchers were seeking — and it is also known that male fish cannot pass on the pigment, even if they have them-selves been fed it. So most or all estimates based on percentages of fish found with the dye are likely to be understatements of the scale of the problem.

The salmon growers, not surprisingly, play all of this down. They do not accept that there are genetic dif-ferences between wild salmon and farm salmon. and say that anglers' fear for the wellbeing of the wild fish are exaggerated.

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They point, with some justification, to the fact that not all salmon migrating to the sea return to the same river from which they set off, and that as a consequence some natural mixing of genes between fish from different places goes on all the time. The reality. though, is that the image of the salmon farming industry is not so good that angiers and conservationists will allow it the benefit of any doubt. The wild salmon, they say, is already fighting for its survival and any additional risk to the creature - and to their

future sport — unacceptable. The progress of this and other studies — and the behaviour of the wild fish themselves over the next few years - will be watched with apprehension as well as interest, on both sides of the divide.

# Slow running could be costly

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN AUCKLAND

OF THE five World Cup countries I have watched this month, the weakest has been New Zealand. That England have beaten them so comprehensively is, of course, excel-lent, but if New Zealand's form in last Saturday's oneday international at Christchurch was an accurate guide, a cautious assessment of England's achievement in going through New Zealand unbeaten would be advisable.

It came as no surprise to hear that, also on Saturday, South Africa had beaten Pakistan in Canberra. They have now played four one-day internationals since coming back into circulation, three against India and one against Pakistan, and they have won two of them.

Pakistan have been playing nothing like as well as they can, whereas South Africa are fairly bursting with ambition. New Zealand entered the week in which the World Cup starts no less in need of a change of fortune than Pakistan, and, although they beat Zimbabwe in Rotorua on Monday, rain reduced the match to nothing much more than a bun fight.

England's prodigal son to Christchurch was electrifying. As a young man of 22, Ian Botham made the first of his 14 Test hundreds there in 1978, an occasion on which he was precocious enough to run out his captain, Geoff innings because he felt he was scoring too slowly if England were to win the match. Boycott did not care for that, but England won and Botham took eight wickets to add to

his hundred.

More surprising was the speed at which Chris Lewis On Saturday the return of

Boycott, in England's second

This time he took the New Zealanders by storm. To me the special dispensation. whereby he was allowed to son before joining the England party in New Zealand, was astonishing, but he is here now and at Christchurch he greatly cheered up a miser-

Jefferson Williams, the Mal-ory coach, said. "Stuart has

had knee problems for a while

and is only 50 per cent fit and

have emerged as the team

most likely to upset Malory's

double ambitions. They con-

solidated second place in the

league with a 3-15, 15-7, 15-

8, 15-9 win over third-placed

Hilton Leeds on Saturday

and face Polonia Ealing in

In the women's first divi-

sion. Woolwich Brixton, the

leaders, dropped only their

third set of the season in their

15-4, 14-16, 15-7, 15-6 win

over Trafford at home.

Brixton, also coached by Wil-

liams, meet Trafford again in

the cup semi-final on Sunday.

Reebok Liverpool City

is unlikely to play."

bowled. It was an unusual pitch, particularly for New Zealand, having pace and a fairty sharp bounce, and Lewis used it to show that he has it in him to become a genuinely fast bowler. He may not be accurate enough at it on slower pitches to make it worthwhile anyway in one-day cricket, but the way he bowled on Saturday was a revelation.

He is clearly a considerable

A full England side, if injuries allow one to take the field, could be expected to bat better than most of its World Cup rivals, with a not unreasonable expectation of runs almost all the way down the order. The bowling has yet to be tested under pressure, and, now that the white ball is swinging more than it used to, the concept of playing two spinners, Tufnell and Illingworth, is not being espoused quite as keenly as it

I am a little concerned at the prospect of deploying four in Australia to patrol (Meibourne and Perth, particularly) and the running between the wickets, especially of the Australians, is going to exag-

gerate the points of weakness. Lewis, Hick and Smith are very good indeed; Reeve and Small are useful. But the quick runners will be looking to Gooch (fit though he is). Botham, Pringle, Tuinell and possibly Illingworth to turn ones into twos or threes into fours - or at Adelaide, to the longest straight boundary in the world, fours into fives. ☐ Adelaide: David Hookes, who needs 48 runs from two

matches to become the leading run-scorer in the Sheffield Shield, is to retire next month. Hookes, aged 36, one of the most flamboyant strokemakers in the game. scored the fastest first-class hundred in terms of balls received (34 balls v Victoria in 1982-3). He played 23 Tests, between 1977 and 1985, scoring 1,306 runs at an average of 34.31. (Agencies)

# **Crowe** is in good company

JEFF Crowe, who refuses any longer to make himself available for New Zealand, has given his country a painful reminder of what it is missing (Simon Wilde writes). During the final round of Shell Trophy matches, Crowe, the Auckland captain, became only the third barsman to score-over 1,000 runs in one season of the championship. Crowe has emulated his brother, Martin, who scored a record 1,348 runs for Central Districts in 1986-7, and Graeme Hick, who passed the 1,000 mark while playing

Northern Districts claimed a share of the Shell Trophy with Central Districts after successfully chasing 371 to beat Wellington on the last day of the competition. One of their match-winners was Hick's successor, Matthew Maynard, the Glamorgan

ruacy at Brighton. Even if Benn is more expefor Northern Districts in

Benn ready to stake claim

BY SRIKUMAR SEN. BOXING CORRESPONDENT

NIGEL Benn gets his chance tonight to make his case for a return with Chris Eubank. He meets Dan Sherry, of Canada, at Alexandra Palace in a match that should appeal

to experts and punters alike. If Benn does the job well the public is sure to put pressure on Eubank, who had to struggle against the Canadian, to give Benn a return. If Sherry wins, Eubank has agreed to give him a rematch because of the controversial ending to their bout last Feb-

rienced, with 33 contests and 28 knockouts to Sherry's 20 bouts and eight stoppages. the Canadian's performance against Eubank makes him as live an "opponent" as one can ger. For Benn's sake, let us hope he is not too lively. Sherry is a good test for

Benn. When Sherry met Eubank, he was floored in the fourth round but got up, car-ried the fight to Eubank and

was leading on most cards when, in the tenth round, Eubank's butt brought the contest to an abrupt and controversial end.

Sherry has boxed twice since, successfully defending his Canadian title, but then was stopped by Otis Grant in the eighth round because of an eye injury. As an amateur, Sherry had 245 contests and won a gold medal in the Commonwealth Games. beating Jeff-Harding, of Australia, now the World Boxing Council light-heavyweight

If Sherry has come to wire, he could pose problems for Benn. According to Pepe Correa, his trainer, Sherry has studied tapes of Benn's bouts. "You can throw Benn's right hand out of the win-

ow." Correa said. Perhaps they have seen the wrong tapes. These days Benn, realizing he is an easy target if he goes in swinging.

man. But Benn has never looked good against boxers. Sherry is an excellent boxer, and has some very dever moves that could give Benn difficult angles. Sherry has good short, straight punches, the sort that Benn dislikes.

Benn has to catch him cleanly. Once he does, it should be over. But Correa warned that Sherry has been through a strengthening course. "Benn's got a big punch and a big heart," Correa said, "but don't take my kid for granted because he's a white kid." It is a warning Benn would do well to heed

D Vinny Pazienza, the World Boxing Association junior middleweight champion. plans to defend his title by the end of the year, despite frac-turing two vertebrae in a car accident in November.

"I'm going to beat this thing." Pazienza said. "I'm doing better than anybody

VOLLEYBALL

# Coventry Riga steal a rare set from Malory

By RODDY MACKENZIE

TEAM Mizuno Malory kept on course for their fourth Tefferson Williams, the Malleague and cup double in five years by maintaining their two-point advantage at the top of the men's first division of the Royal Bank of Scotland English League last weekend. However, the London club surprisingly dropped a set to Coventry Riga, the bottom club, in a 15-4, 15-5, 14-16, 15-4 win — only the fourth set that Riga have won in the

league this season. Malory are concerned the cup semi-final this about knee injuries to their English internationals, Richard Dobell and Stuart Dunn, who missed last weekend's match and are doubtful for Saturday's Royal Bank of Scotland English Cup semifinal at Speedwell Rucanor.

"Richard's injury is a dayto-day thing and we'll just

### **England** in control of home series

BRIDGE

ENGLAND comprehensivey outpointed Scotland in Glasgow to instal themselves, with one round to go, as favourites to win the Camrose Trophy home international teries for the eleventh time in 12 years (Albert Dormer

Tony Forrester, Andrew Robson, Graham Kirby and John Armstrong, the backbone of Britain's world championship team, together with Mark Horton and Richard Winter, won their matches 17-13, 16-10 and 24-4, while Wales beat Northern

treland in Ballymena. At the Stratford Congress, the Victor Ludorum prize was won by the Middlesex couple, Dennis and Celia Oram.

# French farce fails to spoil a spectacle SPORT ON

BY PETER BARNARD

NO AMOUNT of unpleasant and violent behaviour by French rugby forwards should be allowed to detract from the wonderful spectacle of England's win in Paris on Saturday. My goodness, they were good.

It is just as well the British Isles are not touring this year because how you would decide between Gavin Hastings, of Scotland, and the amazing Jonathan Webb, of Bath and England, for the full back spot? I simply do not

Webb's try had the men and women in the room where I watched the game on their feet. An Irishman, a Welshman and a well-known Geordie actor-writer, who insists on talking about the "real game" but still enjoys rugby union, made up the pack. None stayed sitting, either, as the referee dismissed two Frenchman.

TELEVISION THE WEEK IN REVIEW

On BBC, for some reason not clear to me. Nigel Starmer-Smith was saying: "Well, some people ques-tioned whether Stephen Hilditch would be brave enough if the need arose to take the ultimate decision."

Who were these "some people"? Why are they, anonymously, worthy of a quote from one of our leading rugby commentators? They surely cannot have thought Hilditch would be windy because he was Irish?

Someone should have warned the French before the game that, whoever in this world you bully, you will not

especially when he has two fellow-countrymen running the touchlines for him. Well done, England, and

well done to Chris Rea who, on Rugby Special on Sunday afternoon, was pointing out that the post-match discussion about a difference in interpretation of the rugby laws between the French and the rest of us had got nothing whatever to do with players being downright filthy on the

field of play. I am still hugely enjoying the Olympics, and the downhill skiing sequence the Beeb has shown a few times, where the camera is on the skier, is sheer brilliance. I have nearly fallen off the chair a few times as I missed, or thought I had missed, a gate! 🕆

It was disappointing for the two-man bobsleigh team but, watching them, I was struck by how like golf the bobsleigh skill is.

I am not trying to be furmy bully an Ulster schoolteacher, but, just as in golf, one shot,

maybe two, or, at most, three, can separate the leading dozen players in a tournament. in the bobsleighing, threehundredths of a second - a bit less, a bit more - is often

all that divides the top ten. As in golf, where a ball will slip agonisingly by the hole and mean the difference between winning and losing, so a wobble at the wrong mo-

Starmer-Smith: quoted

ment, or a body swerve in the wrong direction, and you

One other thought. Would it be possible to have a little less ice hockey in the evenings when the day's highlights from the Olympics are on? I know the game can be exciting and skilful but, one evening when I would have loved to watch a variety of the day's events, what did I get? A bit of ice dancing and the rest of the programme was ice bockey.

Finally ... at some stage, though I cannot remember exactly when, I watched some American football on television. I kept my eye on one particular player for a good ten minutes because I was working on a theory.

In that time, he never touched the ball. My question is this. Can you think of any other ball game where it would be possible to go an entire playing career and never actually touch the ball the other guys are playing with?

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# Cheltenham claim

AS THE build up to Cheltenham continues, the Regency Hurdle at Warwick today should offer some significant clues as the field of 11 contains several who are entered for both the Champion Hurdle and the Stayers' Hurdle at

the National Hunt Festival. Last year this grade two race was won by Run For Free, who so nearly won the stayers' title. This time it should go to Ruling, who holds engagements in both of the big races.

Trained at Blewbury by

Fulke Johnson Houghton, Ruling will be entering unknown territory when he tackles two miles five furlongs for the first time. However, judged on the manner in which he finished strongly when third in the Champion Hurdle as a novice last spring and on the way he challenged when a close third in the Bula Hurdle, also at Cheltenham, in December he will relish both the distance and the

going.
Rustle, who won the stayers' hurdle at the 1989 festival, reverts to hurdling again after disappointing over fences, but a greater threat is surely posed by Winnie The Witch, runner-up to Cab On Target and Granville Again in her last two races. In this case, however, I take Ruling to live up to his name.

Last year the Whitlenge Novices Chase was won by Rolling Ball, who went on to

THE Jockey Club's intended

Sunday racing experiment

this year was yesterday dis-

missed as a waste of time at

best and a severe hindrance

at worst by Britain's off-

At the annual general meeting of the Betting Office Li-

censees' Association, director-

general Tom Kelly said: "It is

crazy to hold Sunday meet-ings without betting, which the Jockey Club will have to

do to keep within the law. It

"We are totally in favour of

Sunday racing with full betting facilities on and off the course but that needs a betting facilities goes ahead

1.50 Master Lamb. 2.20 Valentinos Joy. 2.55 Shikari Kid. 3.25 Desperate. 3.55 Subuk. 4.25 Puli Monty.

1.50 Master Lamb. 2.20 Valentinos Joy. 2.55 Shikari Kid. 3.25 Desperate. 3.55 Striuk. 4.25 Mara Askari.

1.50 FARNSFIELD CLAIMING CHASE (£1,900: 2m) (8 runners)

2.20 BATHLEY HANDICAP CHASE

1 21UU D'OR'S GEM 7 (B.D.F.G) P Beven 9-120... 2 SEP1 SANDMOOR PRINCE 42 (C.F) P Pritcherd

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** 

TRAINERS: I Campbell, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; M C Pipe, 22 from 58, 37.9%; R Hobinshead, 23 from 82, 26.0%, Mrs N Maccalley, 3 from 13, 25.1%; N A Smith, 3 from 20, 15.0%; B Preece, 13 from 87, 14.9%.

JOCKEYS: R Campbell, 4 wanners from 16 rides, 25,0%; G Lyons, 18 from 74, 24 3%, 5 Wynne, 10 from 54, 18,5%; R Martey, 3 from 19, 15,8%; M Brennen, 3 from 21, 14,3%; J A Harns, 9 from 72, 12,5%.

Huntingdon

2.00 (3m 11 hdie) 1, Dublin Flyer (C Uswellyn, 9-4 (sv), 2, Boreen Jean (5-1); 3, Woodland Flower (5-2); 14 m., 1741, 1741, 175 T Foreter, Tote: \$2,80; \$1.30, \$2.00, \$1.50. OF \$10.50. CSF: \$15.10 NR: Miners

3 00 (2m 100)vd hole) 1, Sahvan (R Stronge, 2-1); 2, Amigos (4-5 fav), 3, Schwaniz (50-1) 4 ran. 30i, 12i, P Bevan Tote: £3.00 DF £1.90, CSF: £4 03.

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3.30 (2m 200yd ch) 1. The Green Stuff (R Supple, Evens tev. Richard Evens's nap), 2, Cherry Chap (33-1); 3, Tribute To Youtin (9-4) 5 ran NR. Lightwater Again.
3, 1%1, J Upson Tote 21 80; 21.10, 27.20 DF £19.00 CSF; 218.10.

Golng: good

1 5444 COUNTERPUNCH 8 (D) K Balley 8-12-0 A Adams 2 P3P- MASTER LAMB 508 (D.F.(3.6) M Ppo 8-12-0 D Missement (7) 3 PPF- GENERAL SELKY 312 R Brotherton 7-11-10. R Marriey 4 2P4P CHEF IRONSIDE 7 (D.S) D Burchell 12-11-4. D J Burchell 5-000 REGAL BRASS 18 B McMeton 8-11-4. S Robertson (7) 8 4412 LEACROFT 14 (CD.G) W Heigh 8-11-2. D Byrns 7 08-76 PRESSURE GAME 6 (D.F.) K Burke 9-11-2. M Lynch 8 2900 MAX CLOWN 46 F Jackson 9-11-0. M Leach (7) 11-8 Master Lemb, 7-2 Crief tronside, 5-1 Leacroft, 6-1 Counterpunch, 8-1 Pressure Game, 12-1 Mex Clown, 14-1 others.

will not prove anything.

GOING: STANDARD

course bookmakers.

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

capture the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham. Five of tdoay's field have been entered for that race, most notably Calabrese, Rough Quest and Springaleak.

Calabrese can prevail today and victory will earn him the right to take his chance alongside his stable companion Mutare at Cheltenham. The lightly-raced Rough Quest must be respected judged on the way he beat Black Moccasin here earlier this month, but I feel Richard Dunwoody will be holding the aces on Calabrese. Dunwoody can register a

double by also winning the

Dunwoody: can record double at Warwick

**BOLA** attacks Sunday plan

By A Special Correspondent

change in the law. Our argu-

ment is over how best to

achieve it and a Sunday rac-

ing trial this year can only be

a setback in attaining our

goal. It may persuade the government to do nothing."

BOLA, the leading book-makers' trade association,

has for many years com-plained bitterly about illegal

betting, which it now says is

worse than ever. Expanding on Sunday racing, BOLA's chairman Don Bruce said:

"Racing and betting are in-separable. If the Jockey

Boddington's Bitter Novices' Trial Hurdle on another Cheltenham entry, Thetford Forest, whose sound effort behind Muse and New York Rainbow at Sandown puts him in with a good chance of beating Rothko, Muse's subsequence conqueror at Chepstow. -

If Eastern Destiny wins the Town of Warwick Foxhunters Trophy for the second year in succession, and he has excellent prospects following that winning seasonal debut at Hereford, he will point to Trust The Gypsy also being capable of winning the Tenterden Maiden Hunters Chase ten minutes later at Folkestone. The two concerned were first and second at Hereford.

My nap, though, is Tom Troubadour, who impressed with his style of racing and jumping when he scored at Newbury 12 days ago. This was a totally different Tom Troubadour to the one we saw last season when careless jumping let him down on two

Following a promising first run of this season, behind The Illywhacker at Leicester, his confidence was such that he came good at Newbury when beating the in-form Zeta's Son by half a length.

The way he was going on at the finish that day suggests this longer trip will suit him. He can continue to progress

I've no doubt that there will

be some sort of betting mar-

ket and odds available. But it

will be a charter for illegal

The levy dispute, which is

in the hands of Kenneth Bak-

er, the home secretary, will probably be decided in the

second or third week of

Bookmakers complain that

March, bookmakers believe.

betting turnover is three per cent down this year, competi-

tion is greater, marginal bet-

ting shops are closing down and that they cannot afford to

pay more in levy without raising deductions beyond the

present 10p in the pound.

2 ORBENTAL NATIVE 328F R Whitaker 6-11-6 8 Turner 9 ULCOE DAY 12 B McMarker 6-11-6 8 Turner 9 ULCOE DAY 12 B McMarker 5-11-6 8 Turner 4 4400 MORE LAUGHTER 8 O Brennen 8-11-0 M Brennen 5 800 CARABALI DANCER 16 D Gerration 4-10-8 G Grant 6 P PT FOR LIFE 8 (8) Mrs 1 Meccatey 4-10-9 J A Rient's 7 0408 LITTLE CONKER 9 A Snith 4-10-8 Wynne (7) 9 08FB MCSTIMUS 44 G Oldroyd 4-10-4 S Wynne (7) 9 08FB MCSTIMUS 44 G Oldroyd 4-10-4 P Midgley (7)

Evene Shikeri Kisi, 3-1 Little Contor, 6-1 Caraball Dancer, 6-1 Vi-oce Bay, 10-1 More Laughter, 14-1 Mostimus, 20-1 others.

3.25 CHURCH WARSOP NOVICES HANDI-CAP HURDLE (21,339: 3m) (10)

3.55 EAST STOKE CLAIMING HURDLE

4.25 AVERHAM HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,303: 2m 2f) (6)

1,303: 2m 27) (5)
1 0-50 LOCHERRE 13 (C.S) O Brennim 8-11-10. M Brennen
2 F342 FULL MONTY 14 (BF.F) Denys Smith 6-11-10 C Brant
3 0102 SAM FRANCISCO JOE 2 (V.CD) A Denson 8-11-5
G Heaver (7)

2.55 DRY DODDINGTON SELLING HURDLE (£1,363: 2m) (9) 1 3109 SHIKARI KID 11 (D,BP,F) S Norton 5-11-11

bookmakers.

# Ruling to underline | Garrison Savannah out of Gold Cup

GARRISON Savannah, the but there is some slight tissue Gran Alba in the Champion Jenny Pitman-trained Cheldarnage. We'll decide on Hurdle. Trainer Richard tenham Gold Cup winner, will miss this year's race. The nine-year-old's preparation has been dogged by a series of injuries and connections yesterday admitted defeat in the struggle to get him fit for the festival.

"Over the last three weeks we've carried out extensive tests including x-rays and bone scans," Mrs Pitman said yesterday. "There's no damage to any of his bones

MANDARIN

4.30 Vital Clue.

Thursday whether to carry on with him this season." Garrison Savannah has

suffered from intermittent lameness since being pulled up in the Hennessy Gold Cup last November. Should Mrs Pitman continue with him, remaining big-race engage-ments include the Grand National.

Other Cheltenham news yesterday concerned Graham Bradley, who is likely to ride

Hurdle, Trainer Richard Hannon has approached Bradley to partner Gran Alba in the Kingwell Pattern Hur-dle at Wincanton tomorrow with a view to him keeping the ride in the big race next

month. Graham McCourt, Gran Alba's regular jockey, could ride Royal Gait, an impressive winner at Nottingham on Saturday. "Graham wanted more time to decide but

whoever rides Gran Alba on

Cheltenham," Hannon said. McCourt was kicked in the face when Baron Safeguard fell in the first race at Huntingdon yesterday and gave

up his remaining mounts. He will stand down for 24 hours the week.

as a precaution but hopes to ride again before the end of Adrian Maguire was also in the wars. He injured his left ankle in a fall from Line

Drummer in the Chatteris

precautionary x-ray.

Dave Roberts, Maguire's agent, said: "Most of the swelling has already gone down. Assuming the x-ray shows nothing and the doctor at Warwick passes him fit, he'll be back right away." Maguire had earlier ridden

Private Audition, trained by Ferdy Murphy, to win the EBF Novices' Chase but the fall cost him a winner on Sibton Abbey in the Farcet Fen Handicap Chase.

#### THUNDERER RICHARD EVANS 1.30 Dusty Miller, 2.00 Ruling, 2.30 Chilabrese, 3.00 Thetford Forest, 3.30 Eastern Destiny, 4.00 Poetic Gem, 4.30 Virol Clue 1.30 Dara Doone. 2.00 Rustle. 2.00 RUSTLE (nap). 2.30 Calabrese. 3.00 Therford Forest, 3.30 Smokin Anna, 4.00 Sillian. 2.30 Rough Quest. 3.00 THETFORD FOREST (nap).

Brian Beel: 3.30 Smokin' Anna.

GOING: SOFT 1.30 BANBURY HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,758; 2m) (7 runners) 1 2122-82 DUSTY MILLER 32 (D.BF,G) (Watership Down Racing) \$ Sherwood 6-12-0 R Greene (5) 95 200-02 DARA DOONE 18 (D.G.S) (B Mackle) R Allehurst 6-11-1 R Democraty 87 051282 SKELETOR 25 (D.G.S) (R Mackle) R Allehurst 6-11-1 W Fry (7) 4 0/00-SR0 DIRECTLY 18 (CD.G.S) (Miss B Swife) G Betting 9-10-2 A Maguire 2 2/F3413- PLAKEY DOVE 320 (F.G.) (J Price) R Price 5-10-1 D Tegg 8 1P6-068 GRIS ET VIOLET 55 (D.F.G) (C Lengstaff) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-0 W Dwan (7) 8 132-PP KNAYE OF CLUBS 32 (D.G.) (H Haughey) P Blockley 5-10-0 S Keightley 9 99

4.30 Will She Wont She

Long handlogg; Gris Et Violet 9-8, Knave Of Clube 9-1. BETTING; 9-4 Dusty Miller, 11-4 Data Doone, 3-1 Skeleter, 8-1 Fiskey Dove, 8-1 Directly, 20-1 others. 1991: THE WIDGET MAN 5-10-9 D Murphy (5-2 fav) J Gitterd 13 ran FORM FOCUS DUSTY MILLER whorehold 2nd of 29 to Date Homey in a handleap handle, here (2m 51, good), with DARA DOONE ESI 16th and KNAVE OF CILLER (2000), Very consistent, FLAKEY DOVE best putfed up before 3 out. DARA DOONE 210 2nd of

18 to Onsupmanship in a handicup hurdle at Newbury (2m 4f 120yd, good) in I Chapstow (2m, soft), with DINECTLY mission Scientian SKELETOR	Aerch.
2.00 REGENCY HURDLE (Grade II: £8,300: 2m 5f) (11 runners)	
1 11/1-5PG BATTALION 12 (D.F.G.S) (P Green) C Breoks 8-11-12	88
2 5-50215 MUDAHIM 18 (F.G.S) (K Bell) C Broad 5-11-12 D Tegg	
3 321/1-6 RUSTLE 27 (V.BF.F.G.S) (R Weley-Cohen) N Henderson 10-11-12 R Durwoody	
4 119-354 RULING 18 (G,S) (I MacDonald and J Short) R Johnson Houghton 8-11-8 H Davies	
5 (02022) DON VALENTINO 662 (S) (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-6	
6 1/P-0060 HADDON LAD 14 (F,S) (G Cutter) K Bridgwater 8-11-5	_
7 2-032P1 JEASSU 15 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs R Mile) A J Wilson 9-11-5	86

BETTING: 9-4 Witmie The Witch, 11-4 Ruling, 3-1 Ruetle, 12-1 Rouyen, Bettellon, 18-1 Con Valentino, Muclahim, 25-1 Jeessu, Tarkovsky, 33-1 others.

1991: RUN FOR PREE 7-11-12 P Scudemore (6-5 fev) M Pipe 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

This is RUSTLE's first outing over hurdles since besting Gairnoy 121 in the Stayers' Hurdle at Chelteriteut (2m 11, good to soft) in Merch 1998. He has seed only twice over 'series since, most recently when 27H 6th of 10 to Outside Edge in a hendicap hurdle at Utrassiar Can, groud in April 1981. WHINE THE VITTURE 22 and of 5 to Granville Again in the grade is fix Roding Octopion Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, Again in the grade is 15 to Cab On Target in a hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, Again in the grade is 15 to Cab On Target in a hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, Again in the grade is 15 to Cab On Target in a hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, Again in the grade is 15 to Cab On Target in a hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, Again in the grade is 15 to Cab On Target in a hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, Again in the grade is 15 to Cab On Target in a hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, Again in the grade is 15 to Cab On Target in a hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, Again in the grade is 15 to Cab On Target in a hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, Again in the grade is 15 to Cab On Target in a hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, Again in the grade is 15 to Cab On Target in a hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, Again in the grade is 15 to Cab On Target in a hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, Again in the grade is 15 to Cab On Target in a hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, Again in the grade is 15 to Cab On Target in a hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, Again in the grade is 15 to Cab On Target in a hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, Again in the grade is 15 to Cab On Target in a hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, Again in the grade is 15 to Cab On Target in a hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, Again in the grade is 15 to Cab On Target in a hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, Again in the grade is 15 to Cab On Target in a hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, Again in the grade is 15 to Cab On Target in a hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, Again in the grade is 15 to Cab On Target in a hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, Again in the grade is 15 to Cab On Target in a hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, Again in the grade is 15 to Cab On Target in a hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, Again in the grade is 15 to Cab

2.30 WHITLENGE NOVICES CHASE (£7,425: 3m 1f) (12 runners)

1 121 BELMOUNT CAPTAIN SO (D.G.B) (R Lavelin) G Belding 7-11-8 Mr R Ainer 96 92-1211 CALABRESE 18 (B.F.G.B) (Mr A Fagen) N Henderson 7-11-6 R Durwoody 90 F12214 PACIFIC SOUND 18 (D.G.B) (D Stephenson) Mrs 8 Smith 9-11-8 J Callaghen 95 21/3-14 BEAN DREAMS 11 (G) (Mrs N Herper) Mrs 8 Smith 9-11-8 W Invite 99 92-14-14 BEAN DREAMS 11 (G) (Mrs N Herper) Mrs Muggeridge 7-11-2 Merth Jones 7 28-8F GLEBROOK DOR 8 (T Leachester) J Wilson 91-12 L Hervey 70 8 P0-P232 MEAT THE FOULKES 8 (Mrs E-Collinson) J Collinson 11-11-2 B Powell 9 PP M(GHTY MONTT 13 (J Met/Mic-Smith) T Casey 9-11-8 P Verling 10 2F9-44 PAR FOR THE COURSE 39 (Mrs E-Collinson) J Collinson 11-11-2 W Hamphrays 11-211 SPRINGALEAK 81 (F,G.E) (Mrs Barruet) O Sherwood 7-11-1 W Hamphrays 98 BETTING: 8-1 Calcinson, 9-4 Boringsteak, 7-2 Round O Sherwood 12-11-11. 16-1 Pacific Gen. Par Por

BETTING: 3-1 Calebrase, 9-4 Springalast, 7-2 Hough Clusst, 8-1 Betmount Captain, 16-1 Pacific Gem, Par For The Course, 20-1 Been Drasma, 25-1 Mini The Fouriers, 25-1 uthers. 1991; ROLLING BALL 8-11-2 P Soudemore (7-2) M Pipe 14 ran

FORM FOCUS BELMOUNT CAPTAIN been the Course 3 in a 10-runner novice chase at Chellentam (3m 11, good). PAR POR THE COURSE 6%1 4th of 16 to CALABRESE best Fence Judge 6 in a 10-runner handicap chase at Fontwell (3m 2/110yd, good). Reference of the course of the cou

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRAINERS

#### BRIAN REEL MANDARIN THUNDERER 1.10 Does It Matter. 1.40 Tipp Mariner. 2.10 Viceroy Jester. 2.40 Everaldo. 3.10 Tom Troubadou 3.40 Chance Buy. 4.10 Tipp Down. 1.10 Does It Matter. 3.40 Chance Buy. 1.40 Tipp Mariner. 2.10 Viceroy Jester. 2.40 Castigliero. 3.10 TOM TROUBADOUR (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating 1.10 DOES IT MATTER.

1.10 EBF NOVICES CHASE (Div I: £1,876: 2m 4f) (9 runners) 1 PPU-S38 COUNTRY CAP 9 (S) (R Townsend) R Townsend 11-11-2
2 4-0372F DISCO DUKE 21 (F) (Airs S Weaver) A Moore 7-11-2
3 2121-2F DOES IT MATTER 55 (G) (6 Morby) R Abahumi 7-11-2
4 0U6P-P PACIFIC RUN 76 (S Centimell) S Dow 7-11-2
5 3/R/P SENOR TOMAS 55 (M Berger) O Sherwood 8-11-2
6 U04-P4F URBAN SURFER 9 (Airs) D Grissel 8-11-2
7 3PPPSP YOUNG ALFIE 9 (B) (J Penwert) J Penwert 7-11-2
8 5/9050P ESCRIBANA 7 (F) (BDRC Owners Group) J Jenkins 7-10-11
9 4PP HARMONY ROYAL 43 (M Ward-Thomas) T Forster 7-10-11 Mr D Townsend 78 G Moore 71 .... W McFerland ..... M Richards ..... Peter Hobbs

BETTING: 1-2 Does II Matter, 5-1 Country Cap, 8-1 Disco Duke, 10-1 Urben Surfer, 12-1 Senor Tomas, 16-1 Harmony Royal, 20-1 Pacific Run, 25-1 others. 1991: PATRICO 8-11-2 M Richards (11-2) O Sherwood 10 ran

1.40 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,520: 2m 100yd) (6 runners)

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (INSPECTION 7AM)

3.40 Trust The Gypsy. 4.10 Rosgill.

BETTING: 4-7 Tipp Mariner, 5-1 Woody Will, 6-1 Matrial Story, 8-1 Sweet George, 20-1 Nothingburplessure, 25-1 Sovereign Sound. 1991: VODKA FIZZ 6-11-0 M Laurence (7-2) J Gifford 13 nm

BETTING: 5-2 Fenton Bridge, 3-1 Vicercy Jester, 9-2 Winning Dancer, 6-1-Fiddle A Little, 8-1 Pelham Suite, 12-1 Cellio Chimes. Owar, 16-1 others.

1991; NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION **COURSE SPECIALISTS** 

2.10 EBF NOVICES CHASE (Div II: £1,876: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

JOCKEYS TRAINERS Mr P Hacking D Murphy M Richards Peter Hobbs J Fleston D Moms D Grissell II Allenhaer D Marray Smith N Handerson O Sherwood J Gifford 30.6 23.1 22.2 21.4 17.2 16.7

## 3.00 BODDINGTON'S BITTER NOVICES TRIAL HURDLE

7,035: 2m 5f) (8 runners)	
1 05221 ROTHKO 15 (S) (Wetherby Racing Bureau Pic) Mrs S Smith 11-12-0 R Guest ◆ 9	9
2 1113 THETFORD FOREST 46 (F.G) (S. Manana) O Nicholson 5-12-0	0
3 4-41111 SENGAU 13 (P.G.S) (Mrs M. Tulnetts . 1 Gilleuri 6.11.0 E. Murchy 9	В
4 21142 NEGATORY 11 (G.S.) (A Negethern) M Changray 5-11-8 W Worthington &	7
5 U ADMINALIT WAY 35 (C Murphy) M D Neil 6:11-2	-
6 00-P000 WHAT'S THAT 32 (R Eckley) R Eckley 6-11-2	-
7 2101 FIGHT TO WIN 16 (F,G) (P Mellon)   Balcing 4-10-11 J Frost &	
1 211- MARTOMICK 258F (S) (R Snew) K Bailey 5-10-11	-
ETTING: 2-1 Thetford Forest, 3-1 Sendar, 9-2 Rothko, 11-2 Fight To Win, 8-1 Martomick, 14-1 others	
1991: BETTER TIMES AHEAD 5-11-6 G McCourt (12-1) G Richards 11 (181)	

FORM FOCUS

ROTHKO beat Muse 2 in a 10-runner nonce hurdle at Chepstow (3m, soft). THETFORD FOREST 3'41 and 7 to New York Rainbow in the grade I Bering Securities Tolworth Hurdle at Sandown (2m, good to firm) Previously, beat Song Of Supence a neck in the 8-runner grade I A F Budge Nonces' Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, good to firm) SENDAI begt 1 Selection: THETFORD FOREST

### 3.30 town of warwick foxhunters trophy chase

(Alliateria, Ericoc. on 17 (10 initials)	
1 /P/1-6 CURRAHEEN LAD 9 (D,F) (Mea 8 Jernard) Nies S Jenard 10-12-8 Mies P Curling (7)	81
2 51/13F-1 EASTERN DESTINY 9 (CD.G.S) (E Golfith) Mrs. J. Golfith 14-12-8. A Golffith (7)	93
3 23U1PS PADDY'S POND 264 (CD.F) (C Davies) N Reece 14-12-8 Miss C Thomas (7)	84
4 P5361-4 SPARTAN CHIEF 14 (F) (H Taytor) Mrs Q E Jones 11-12-6 , . N Jones (7)	84
5 4/015/4- BORDER BURG 281 (F.G.S) (V Serciay) Mrs A Barciay 15-12-2 J Berciay (7)	-
6 2UPP1- MILBIRD 261 (F) (W Sim) Mrs D McCarthy 11-12-2	79
7 /P210/-P NOBBANOKKER 12 (S) (J Greensii) Miss C Saunciers 10-12-2 J Greensii (3)	_
8 2/6/11-U NO ESCORT 14 (F) (R Russell) Mass C Saunders 8-12-2 W Arroytage	
9 083351- OH WHY 268 (D.F.S) (R Hoyman) Min C Clifford 10-12-2	82
10 4/3U436- ASHPIT 277 (G) (Mrs A Garton) Mrs A Garton 11-11-9	_
11 P32P-23 CURAMEEN BOY 9 (F) (C Triptime) C Triptime 12-11-9. Miss J Butler (7) 4	99
12 3/1/P/ GOLDEN LINK 627 (5) (J Symes) J Symes 14-11-6 P Scholfield (7)	_
13 030/F3- HIGHLAND SON 268 (J Smith) R Smith 11-11-9	70
14 00/PO30- TAGLIO DE CHAMPFEU 480 (R Young) Mra S Harbour 7-11-9 . E Bailey (7)	_
15 064/3 SMOKIN' ANNA 8 (BF) (M Care) M Care 11-11-4 Mrs K Matthews (7)	62
16 62/3- TURN MILL 364 (Miss A Poller) Mass A Poller 11-11-4. M Hammond (7)	85

BETTING: 7-2 Eastern Deatmy, 4-1 No Escort, 5-1 Smoker' Arms, 6-1 On Why, 6-1 Curraneen Boy, 10-1 Nisbb anokker, 12-1 aktokol, 16-1 Golden Link. Curraneen Lud, 20-1 others

1991; EASTERN DESTINY 13-12-1 A Griffith (7-4) Mrs J Griffith 10 mm

#### FORM FOCUS

CURRAHEEN LAD best Shapwright 20 in a 7-runner hunter chasis at Devon (3m 11, hard) on final
start lest season. EASTERN DESTINY best Trust
the Gypsy 2 in an 18-runner hunter chase Herefard
(3m 31, good), with CURAHEEN BOY (8b better off)
9 3rd and CURRAHEEN LAD (same terms) 24 (8th.
8PARTAN CHIEF 201 4th of 10 to Besu Rose in a
Number chase at Lutilow (3m, good) with NO ESCORT in the leed when uneesting his ricks at the

#### 4.00 sky blue Handicap Chase (£3,622: 2m 4i) (5 runners)

#### FORM FOCUS

NOS NA GAOTTHE 31 2nd of 8 to Ballinroetig in a handlesp chase at Watherby (2m handlesp chase at Watherby (2m 41 100yd, good) in November 81L, LAN 4th and closure of the second of the Firm).
POETIC GEM 2MI 2nd of 13 to Parson's Thoma in novice chase at Worcester (Seeson, 1972).
JACK has shown form since running 131 3rd of 7 to Seeson.

# 4.30 STUDLEY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,680: 2m) (13 runners)

345	VITAL CLUE 18 (A Peirse) R O'Suliven 5-11-10 R Durnwoody	95
U2000-P	BEAUFAN 100 (Classical Enterprises Limited) C Jackson 5-11-9. V Stattery (5)	_
4-80544	WILL BHE WON'T SHE 13 (G Rooms) R Frost 8-11-9	80
0070-	MIDDLEWICK 448 (C Ward Thomas) 3 Christian 7-11-9 _ Mr C Ward Thomas (7)	
48P031	PASSO ALL'ERTA 19 (D,S) (D Descon) D Descon 9-11-5 D Leahy (7)	88
05060L	EMERALD RULER 12 (R Nicholie) F Jordan 5-11-3 T Protheroe (7)	<b>a</b> 99
0-PF033	MOUNTSHANNON 11 (N King) C Trietline 6-10-12 B Powell	86
0P00P-0	MARINERS LOVE 84 (Battey & Price) C Broad 6-10-9 , Martin Jones	78
PB080	ROCKRIDGE 14 (8) (Mrs P Joynes) Mrs P Joynes 5-10-7 8 Earle	95
	PLATINUM SPRINGS 14 (R Peterson) J King 5-10-7 A Maguire	83
	SWISS PRINCESS 7 (Mrs E Martin) P Bloddey 8-10-2 MINISTRA	_
	PRINCE VALMY 8 (B) (Mrs C Wonnecott) Mrs J Wonnecott 7-10-0 Mrs C Wonnecott	80
	ABBERLEY 777 (J Wal) J McConnochie 7-10-0 J Pullin (7)	
_	ALL-Jon Bill	

Long handless: Abberley 8-11 BETTING: 3-1 Emerated Ruler, 7-2 Passo Alferta, 9-2 Vital Clue, 6-1 Will She Wont She, 8-1 Mounts! 10-1 Rockindge, 16-1 others

1991: OSTURA 6-11-2 Richard Guest (2-1 fav) J White 21 ran FORM FOCUS

VITAL CLUE 14I 4th of 14 to Coole Dodger in a novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 150rd, soft) on penultiments start. WiLL SHE WONT SHE 1374 4th of 14 to Woodand Flower in a novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m 8f, good). PASSO ALL'ERTA beat Siver Strings 14 in an 18-runner conditional pokeys' Bellerator. VITAL CLUE

# 2.40 FOLKESTONE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,537: 2m 6f) (13 runners)

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Long handicag: Prince Klenk 9-9. BETTING: 7-2 Castiglero, 4-1 Bollinger, 5-1 Evenilde, 11-2 Mediane, 8-1 Enborne Lad, 10-1 others. 1991: ONE MORE KNIGHT 8-10-10 J Doggan (8-2 lav) Mrs I McKe 20 ran

# 3.10 GAY RECORD CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE

(£2,905: 3m 2f) (16 runners)	
1 1FF5-21 TOM TROUBADOUR 12 (F,G) (S Musson) J Galord 8-11-12	
2 04U-640 BLUE DART 12 (D.Q.S) (H Partield) T Forsier 12-11-5 C Uswellyn	
3 5315-P2 ADMIRAL'S LEAP 19 (B.F.S) (Queen Elizabeth) Mrs F Walwyn 8-11-4 B de Haan	91
4 31P-P54 VALASSY 12 (G,S) (H Brown) J Edwards P-11-1	94
	<b>9</b> 91
6 FP-SPPP ELVERCONE 7 (V.G.S) (Mrs C Scott) A J Wisson 11-10-6	_
7 U3052P HEIGHT OF FUN 11 (F,S) (A Steple) C Popham 6-10-5 S Burrough	- 194
8 P-P3630 SAM SHORROCK 4 (B,G) (K Ogden) G Thomer 10-10-5 Mr G Johnson Houghton	90
9 F-00F35 PRY'S-JOY 7 (G Hubbard) F Mirphy 8-10-4	91
10 PSPP/F5 BAYRAM 53 (G,S) (A Wates) T Etherington 10-10-4 M Flictuards	84
11 40/U25 OVERHEREOVERTHERE 15 (J Upson) J Upson 9-10-4 IF Supple	94
12 F4-05PP MASTER COMEDY 4 (D.F.) (Miss J Weismann) Miss L Bower 8-10-1	
13 226P-P6 ROCKY VULGAN 7 (B) (F Walton) Miss L Bower 9-10-0	_
14 34404U DANDY MINSTREL 7 (B.F.G.S) (Windrush Racing) E Wheeler 8-10-0 J Ryan	97
15 1P/P/ ASTRAL SPIRIT 1073 (S) (P Mortmer) J Elliott 12-10-0.	_
16 4/0-4033 FORMAL 42 (P Rylands) D Grissell 6-10-0	E
BETTING: 6-5 Torn Troubedour, 6-1 Admiral's Leap, 7-1 Blue Dart, 8-1 Dandy Minstrel, 10-1 Overhere there, Valuesy, 12-1 Sam Shomock, 16-1 Pry's-Joy, Haight Of Fun, 20-1 others.	OVE
1991; TERRY JO 7-10-9 M Hoed (7-2) R Hoed 14 ran	
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3.40 TENTERDEN MAIDEN HUNTER CHASE

(Amsteurs: £1,202: 2m 4r) (10 ruiners)	
1 . P/PP/ ASHTON EXPRESS 1492 (B) (E Roberta) Mrs T Hills 11-12-7 W Nott (7)	_
2 S/LIP2-U BREENAMORE 9 (V) (C Newport) Mrs 9 Clarke 10-12-7 C Newport (7)	82
3 FPOP/P- BUCK AND SKIP 433 (Mrs A Pollard) J Porter 6-12-7 T Lacey (7)	_
4 0/F/42- CHANCE BUY 328 (B) (Mrs S Nash) Mrs S Nash 9-12-7 T Jones (7)	80
5 CHARLESTON LAD (P Bull) Mrs D Gresnet 7-12-7 P Bull (7)	
6 5654/ MAGIC SHOT 1841 (Mrs C Van Presch) Mrs C Van Presch 10-12-7 N Hookken 77	_
7 PP/5-806 NOMELAP 116 (J Poulton) J Poulton 7-12-7	_
8 P/PP354- PORTER'S SONG 258 (R Hutsov) H Hutsov 11-12-7	81
9 REGGIE (R Wikinson) R Wikinson 10-12-7	_
10 DP/2P/ SAPPENTUN 1996 If Hervey) F Hervey 9-12-7	_
11 /P/34/U- SONNENDEW 281 (Mass P Russell) Miss P Russell 9-12-7 Miss S statebar (2)	二
12 4/05044- STARLAP 419 (J Quinn) Mrs G Cadders 8-12-7	
13 43606/2 THUST THE GYPSY 9 (Mrs B Whettern) J Dufpsee 10-12-7	- 00
14 HTLUNA (MIS 1 Palmer) T Palmer 8-12-2	
15 3/ LUYANINSS 1022 (J Menners) Mrx 5 Nash 10.12/2	
TO 4- MISS MARTILE J 302 (AUS K FEMERY) W PROVING 9.19.9	
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18 TAPALONG (H Hutsby) H Hutsby ?-12-2 C Farrel (7)	_
RETTING: 7.2 Trust The Curry 4.1 Chaste Day 8.1 Deader 2.1 Land	_
BETTING: 7-2 Trust The Gypsy, 4-1 Chance Buy, 6-1 Starlap, 7-1 Luvanidas, 8-1 Porter's Song, 10-1 other	DFS.
1991: ANOTHER TROUP 9-12-0 D Townsend (33-1) R Townsend 15 ran	

4.10 HYTHE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,165: 2m 100yd) (6 runners) 1 455-215 ROSGILL 33 (D.F.) (Brigadier Racing) P Mitchell 6-12-0...
2 000-10F TIPP DOWN 7 (CD,S) (W O'Nell) D Murray Smith 9-11-2...
3 353122 FOREST FAWN 11 (CD,G,S) (Min P Michael) E Wheeler 7-10-11...
J Ryam (3)
4 015 KOVALEVSKIA 8 (BF) (W Jiggins) D Wilson 7-10-7...
Mrs P Nash (3)
5 332-033 NIDOM 42 (I. Fuber) G Emight 5-10-5...
R Moore (7)

BETTING: 5-2 Typp Down, 3-1 Rosgill, 7-2 Forest Fewn, 11-2 Nidomi, 6-1 Kovalevskie, 12-1 Al Sehill 1991: MR LION 9-10-3 J Raitton (33-1) R Akehurat 7 ran

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THE RESIDENCE OF THE PROPERTY 9-2: Thunderer's nap); 2. River Bounty (2-1 tav); 3. Torn Bir (11-2), 9 ran. Ns. 8. F. Murphy. Tote: 25.00: 22.00, £1.40, £1.70. DF 26.20. CSF: 213.44. Thicast: £45.04 4.30 (2m 4l holle) 1, Royal Sacor (J Os-borne, 16-1); 2. Daddy's Darling (33-1); 3. Wings Of Fraedom (16-1), 4, Vital Witness (5-1). Northern Village 7-2 fav. 17 ran. NR: Letterfore 1/21, hd. Mass H. Knight. Tote. £19.50; £2.70, £5.00, £3.50, £2.60, DF: £189.90 CSF: £408.15. Tricast: £7.499.38. Placepot: £214.50. Placepot: 2214.50.

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Gelng: good to soft

1.40 (3m 21 160yd ch) 1, Senator Snugfit
(P Medgley, 4-7 lav, Mandarin's nap), 2,
Mintary Secret (3-1): 3, Jurnatian (16-1), 9
ran, NR Master Comet, Shverross Lad,
The Pod's Revenge, Woodlands Genhire,
1'01, 151 M W Easterby, Tota: £1.90;
1'01, 158 M W Easterby, Tota: £1.90;
1'10, 1'180, £2.10. DF: £1.70. CSF:
£2.98.
2.10 (2m hdte) 1, Beissalasma (M Dwyer,
9-4 lav), 2. Old Peg (17-2), 3. Clovernilli
(25-1) 10-ran NR Written Agreement,
Sordifa. 21, 81, G Moore. Tota: £2.80;
£1.30, £4.50, £1.80 DF: £17-10 CSF:
£2.29
2.40 (2m 4f hdte) 1, Al Sabak (B Cattord,

C1 30, £4.50, £1.80 DF: £17-10 CSF: £22.19
2.40 (2m 4f hole) 1, Al Sabak (B Clifford, 14-1); 2, Ace Of Diamonds (6-1); 3, Mester Moody (4-1 tay), 4, Hogler (16-1); 17 nm. NR: Palanquin, Powys Prince, Hey Joe, Nipper Smith, Bromo. 29), 19:h. N Miller. Tote £55.00; 53.60, £1.60, £1.01, £1.00, DF: £53.80 CSF £95.93. Tricast £378.83. No bod.
3.10 (3m 2f 160yd ch) 1, Pontonia (P Niven, 7-2), 2, Dunsbrook Lad (3-1 lav), 3, Carousso Crossett (8-1) 12; am. NR: Parsons Pleasure 30l, 51, 81, 303. Mrs G Reveley Tote £2.90; £1.50, £2.20, £1.40, DUF: £9.50. CSF £12.16.
3.40 (2m 44 ch) 1, Deep Spartacus (Mr J Greenall, 7-4 tay); 2, Wild Child (11-£7, 3, Level Dusy (4-1), 18 ran 2½1, ½½1 W A Stephenson. Tote £2.10; £1.40, £2.00, £2.00, £7.55.90, CSF, £10.42.
4.10 (2m 4f ch), Blakes Son (R Garritty, 4, Noton 14, 14, Noton 14, 14, Noton 14, 14, Noton 14, 14, Noton 14, Noton 14, Neton 14, Noton 14, No

Warrior (14-1). 10 run. NR: Fosion. 12, 1181. M W Easterby. Tote: 25,80; £1.90, £2.10, £5.10. OF: £14.70. CSF; £35.77. Tricest: £403.81. A40 (2m hdle) 1, Village Reindeer (7 Reed, 4-6 fav); £ Telbor (20-1); 3, Friskney Dale Lad (5-2), 6 run. NR: Nanda Moon, Stef The Greek, The Communicator. 2, 1141. P Calver Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £5.90. DF: £24.20. CSF; £13.01. Placapor £18.00. PINEADOC E19.00. Lingfield Park Going: standard 1.50 (6)) 1. Galaxy Express (P Turner, 6-4), 2. Indigo Bite (4-6 lay); 3. Our Amber (10-1) 4 ran, 21, 51, 6 Eden, Tote, 52,70 DF, \$1,40, CSF, \$2,90 ur. 11.40, Car. 12.30 100-30; 2, Grand Time (94 (i-fav), 3, Appealing Time (94 (i-fav), 6 ran. Hd. 1%) J Speaning, Toler 23.50, 25.50, 21.40, DF 11.90 CSF 210.55,

2-50 (7) 1, Pytchley Night (S Davies, 9 4); 2, Sally's Son (5-4 fav); 3, Say You Will (7-1) 6 ran. 1/4, 3) D Monts, Tote: £4.20; 23.50, £2.20 DF: £2.40, CSF: £5.22, After (\*\*-1) 6 ran. \*\*21, 36 D Mortis, 1016; 14.20; 12.30 CF; 22.20 CF; 22.40 CSF; 25.522 Arter a stewards' enquary, result stoods.

3.20 (fm) 1. Sarum (C Rufter, 4-1); 2. MCA Below The Line (5-1); 3. Sareen Express (14-1); Sunted Street 5-2 tav. 11 ran. 2. nk. C Wildman, Tote, 25.10; £1.40, £3.10, CS 60, DF; 225.40 CSF; £24.18. Tricast; £22.281 After a stewards' enquary, result stood.

3.50 (fm 2) 1. Merseyside Mem (K Rutter, 5-2), 2. Foursingh (6-1), 3. Evening After (8-1). Pleasure Ahead 9-4 fav. 11 ran. NR. Littledelle 254, 14. J Scargill Tote; £3.00; £1.10, £1.20, £4.50. DF; £16.80 CSF; £19.38, Tricast; £103.50.

4.20 (fm 41); Glibert's Girl (T Curn., 20-1); 2. Tenayestellign (8-1); 3. Present Times (11-4 fav) 13 ran. Sh hd, 254. C Hill. Tote: £19.50; £31.0, £3.80. DF; £19.50. CSF; £190.66, Tricast; £546.22. Placepot; £71.20.

Placecot: £71,20. TODAY'S POINT-TO-POINT MEETING: Puckaridge and Thurlow at Horseheath, 3rp E of Linton (first race room).

# Design advances mean all is not as it seems in the world of women's figure skating





Fashion forerunners: early designs, from the 1930s, left, and the 1940s-

# Changing face of ice maidens

FROM JOHN HENNESSY

THE French have given the world an expression for it, trompe-l'oeil. What you see in the women's figure skating, which starts today, is not what you get. Areas of bare flesh seem to be on display; the skaters wearing less and less. But do not trust the evidence of your eyes. Flesh-coloured chiffon enables costumes not only, apparently, to defy gravity but also to preserve the modesty of attire required by the

International Skating Union (ISU).
The advance, if that is the word, of the couturier's art is all part of the more professional approach to skating nowadays, fostered by beck-oning professionalism in the wake of widespread television exposure. The theatrical presentation and specially prepared music have add-

ed to the package.

For all the zest for innovation in dress design, though, it may be that

outfit commissioned on behalf of Surya Bonaly, la perle noire of France, for Friday night's free skating. It has been designed by Christian Lacroix at the breathtaking cost of 125,000 francs (about £13,000), thanks to her sponsors. So far we have been denied even a signal the death As a precitif

Lacroix has also kitted Bonaly out for tonight's original programme. Things have changed spectacu-larly since the days, little more than three decades ago, when competitions were held on outdoor rinks, which required more substantial attire. Men would wear suits with long underwear, the women a long-sleeved woollen top, skirt at or be-low the knee and stockings of heavy

view of the sketch. As an aperitif,

Tracing six compulsory figures, as they had to do in those days, often in an icy blast, was a test of hardiness as well as testing hardiness, as well as technique. Even further back, recreational wearing fur.

Coming indoors was soon, by chance, followed by colour tele-vision and the availability of lightweight stretch fabrics. Then came more dramatic presentations and that called for new thinking.
"It would be ridiculous," Betty

Callaway, mentor of Torvill and Dean, says, "for a man to interpret a ballet sequence wearing trousers He has to have tights."

In the women's figure skating, beginning tonight, there are 29 en-trants, but for all practical purposes 27 of them will be aiming for the bronze medal. Kristi Yamaguchi and Midori Ito seem destined to battle for the gold medal. Yamaguchi, an American of Japa-

se descent, is the world champ on, while Ito, of Japan, held that title three years ago. One jump, Ito's triple axel, could prove crucial. It is the one element that is beyond the reach of Yamaguchi.



Elegance on ice: Katarina Witt in modern attire

# Compagnoni and Tomba achieve Italian double

FROM DAVID POWELL

THE sky was riviera blue yesterday, the way Alberto Tomba likes it, and the Italian folk hero of skiing took advantage of the change in weather here to enter the history books. He became the first competitor to retain an Olympic Alpine title, after a thrilling battle with Marc Girardelli in the giant slalom.

Even so, he may not be the first Italian to win two skiing gold medals at these Winter Games. Two hours before Tomba's triumph, Deborah Compagnoni removed the women's super-giant slalom gold medal from the clutches of Carole Merie, on whom the host nation had pinned its hopes of a first skiing victory.

Today, Compagnoni skisin the discipline at which she is most consistent, the giant slalom, and, tomorrow, in the sialom. Tomba has to wait until Saturday for his attempt to make history almost impossible to repeat. By winning the slalom, he can

titles at successive Olympics. extraordinary story of triumph over adversity. The two knee operations she has had in the last four years seem trivial set against what happened in October 1990.

In pain, she was rushed to hospital by her father. After intestinal surgery, she was told that, had she arrived 20 minutes later, she would probably have died. Five months further on, she was skiing again; three weeks' ago, in a World Cup supergiant slalom, she achieved her first victory. Yesterday's was her second.

Tomba's was the one that mattered to Italy and the Olympics. The gold medals were in danger of being buried in a snow storm of

anonymity. Petra Kronberger had resisted by winning the women's combined and Tomba came to her assistance. The four other events had been won by skiers of small rep-



Tomba, though, is different. He courts attention wherever he goes and, on this occasion, he had with him a personal entourage of nine.

Coach, assistant coach, physical conditioner, masseur, doctor, ski service man, psychologist, manager, and Cina Marchese, the International Management Group's leading man in Italy. Mar-chese will be rubbing his hands, and not from the cold. The shortness of the course

# Olsson too tense for his own good

La Plagne: Nick Phipps and Sean Olsson, the veteran and novice of the British bobsleigh team, race off this morning to decide who drives the No. 2 British bob in Friday's Olympic four-man competition (Chris Moore writes). Phipps, aged 39, beat Olsson, who is 15 years his junior, in last week's selection

partnering Mark Tout in the two-man event. Olsson had the edge in yesterday's fourth training run but admits he is struggling to come to terms with the pressure of the occasion. "This is a big learning curve for me and I'm not finding it easy," he said.

"I'm having to take sleep-

race to earn the right of ing tablets every night but still can't kick my mind out of gear. I froze when I got on the ice for last week's race and I'm afraid the same thing will happen again because the pressure is even greater this time. I can see that Nick is a for more relaxed than me and that will be a big thing in his

organisers. At previous conferences, simultaneous translation had been given in several languages. Until it came to Tomba. "We did not think it would

be necessary to have an Italian translater," they an-nounced, calling a journalist from the floor to repeat, none too accurately, Tomba's words. Now that Tomba has won in France for the first time, perhaps the locals will be ready for him on Saturday.

but the weather was. His record shows that his worst

races come in adverse cond

tions and, for eight days be-

fore yesterday, snow and wind had prevailed.

He watched on television

from the mountain-top res-

taurant as Compagnoni,

aged 21, upstaged Merie. When it came to his turn, the

knees on which he had been

having laser treatment stood

World Cup champion who had been out of form but now

has two silver medals from

these Games, was unfortu-

nate to find Tombs at his

The field was swollen to the

point of obesity, 133 in

number. So poor were the tail-enders that Raymond

Kayrouz, of Libya, managed to make up the minute sepa-

rating each competitor at the

start gate to overtake Hassan

But there was only ever

going to be one winner. We

all knew who that would be,

except the press conference

El Mahta, of Morocco.

Girardelli, the overall

the test.

brilliant best.

### WINTER OLYMPICS RESULTS

Nordic skiing Combined team event

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1/23/29, 10, Switzerland, 521 9,
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Men's 4 x 10km (Les Salsies)

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1 Norway (T Langii, V Livang, K Skjetdal,
B Dachkis), Ihr 39min 26 0sec; 2, Italy,
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Germany, 1 43:41.7, 7, Czechoslovskia,
1-44:20.08, France, 1 44:51.1; 3, Austria,
1-45:56.6, 10, Estome, 1.46:33.3; 11,
Canada, 1 47:52.0, 12, United States,
1-48:158, 13, Budgana, 1:51:28.0, 14,
Spain, 1 52:05.3, 15, South Korea,
2-01-01-4

Speed skating Men's 1,000 metres (Neth), 114.93; 5, P Adeberg (Ger), 115.04; 6, I Jelezovska (Urated Team), 115.05; 7, G Thibauli (Can), 115.36; 8, N Gulyayev (Urated Team), 115.46, 9, T Kurcives (Japan), 1:15.56; 10, F Zandstra (Neth), 115.57; 11, Y Fujimolo (Japan), 1:15.78, 12, R Ritsma (Neth), 1 15.96; 13, A Kanrov (United Team), 1.16.05, 14, A Loef (Neth), 1 16.18, 15, N Thometz (US), 1-16.19

Alpine skiing Men's glant slaiom (Val d'Isère)

(Val d'Isère)
1969 winner A Tombe (Italy)
FINAL RESULTS: 1, A Tombe (It), 2min
06:98eec; 2, M Girardell (Lus), 2:07:30; 3,
K Andre Aamodt (Nor), 2:07-82; 4,
Accola (Switz), 2:08.02; 5, O-C Furuseth
(Nor), 2:08:16, 6, G Mader (Austria),
2:09:80, 7, R Salzgeber (Austria), 2:08:83;
8, F Nyberg (Swe), 2:09:00; equal 9, H
Strotz (Austria) and J Polig (It), 2:09:45;
11, H Pieran (Switz), 2:09:57; 12; C Mayer
(Austria), 2:10:06; equal 13, 5 Exartler (Fr),
and M Von Gruenigen (Switz), 2:10:67; and
M Von Gruenigen (Switz), 2:10:67; 616
G Marcer (Usechtrenstein) 2:11:15 British:
40, W Gaylord, 2:20:86; 43, G Forsyth,
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(Austria), 1:24.20; 10, Z Hass (Switz), 1:24.31; 11, H Zeller (Switz), 1:24.51; 12, F Wiberg (Swe), 1:24.58; 13, B Perez (ft), 1:24.58; 14, R Mosenlechner (Gor), 1:24.55; 15, B Sedieder (Austria), 1:24.31; British placings: 36, V Scott, 1:29.74, D Prett did not finish. ice hockey

FINAL GROUP: Italy 3, Norway 5.

Figure skating

ice dance

(Albertville)

1988 winners: N Bestemismovs and A Busin (USSR)

FINAL POSITIONS: 1, M Klimovs and S Ponomarento (UT), 20 factored placements; 2, 1 Duchesray and P Duchesray (Fr), 44; 3, M Usova and A Zhain (UT), 5, 5, 4, 0 Gritschuk and E Pistov (UT), 8.0; 5, S Calegan and P Camerlengo (N), 105, 5, S Rahkamo and Kokko (Fin), 12,4,7, K Engi and A Toth (Hun), 13,6; 8, D Yvon and F Palivel (Fr), 16; 8, S Mankamo and Koko, (Fin), 12,4,7, K Engi and A Toth (Hun), 13,6; 8, D Yvon and F Businel (Fr), 16; 8, S Monitotie and P Levenchy (Fr), 17,4; 10, K Mratows and M Sirrecok (CQ), 20,8, 11, A Sargent-Thomas and R Writherby (US), 21,5; 12, J

Petr and M Janoschak (Can), 24.8; 13, A Croci and L Marriovani (h), 25.0; 14, P Woodward and C Szentpétery (Hun), 29.0; 15, R Mayer and P Breen (US), 29.0. British placing: 17, M Bruce and A Place,

Demonstration sport Curling (Pralognan) Men: Australia 6, Great Britain 9, Norway 11, Switzerland 3, Women: France 3, Cenada 4, Sweden 6, Denmark 8.

All times GMT Today

09.00 and 13.00: Alpine sking women's glant elalom. 10.45: Speed sking. 11.00 and 17.00: Curling. 13.00: Biathlon women's 15tm 18.30: Figure skating: women's original. 12.15, 16.15 and 20.15: fee hockey: ranking game, two quarter-lines.

Tomorrow . 07.00 and 17.00: Curling. 09.00: Bighthor: men's 20km. 09.00, 13.00: Alpine skiling: women's slatom. 11.00: Speed skating: men's 10.000m 18.30: Short track speed skating: men's 1,000m; women's 3.000m relay. 12.15, 16.15 and 20.15: Ice hookey three ranking sames

# Sprint skaters lack drive to match Heiden

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

umph. "I really had lost a lot

of the mental toughness it

takes to be a good skater

after those Games," he said.

He channeled his com-

petitive streak and athletic

ability into cycling, becom-

ing the United States pro-

fessional champion in 1985

and competing in the Tour de France the following

year. He put his bicycle in the garage in 1987 to focus

on his medical studies, qual-

ifying as a doctor last year.

He now works in Sacra-

mento and plans to

But he has fond memo-ries of the 1980 Games in Lake Placid.

Heiden thought he might

place in the top three over

all five events, but did not

dare to imagine that he would sweep the board. "After I had won the first

race, the 500 metres, the

pressure of winning was

gone. I was much more

relaxed, more focused on

Heiden set Olympic

records at every distance in

what I had to do."

specialise in orthopaedics.

generous helping of dedication and a Adash of genetics is the recipe for a speed skater to win all five gold medals at the Winter Olympics, ac-cording to Eric Heiden, of the United States, who accomplished the feat at the 1980 Games.

Heiden, a television commentator for the Albertville Games, said that a skater needed luck with form and health to take all five golds, but he rejected the notion that competitors were now too specialised for his performance to be repeated. He views that argument as a larne excuse from skaters who lack the dedication re-

quired for multiple success. "If you want to be a good sprinter you need the right genes. I don't think there is any substitute for having the right parents," Heiden said. "But if you train hard, you can skate a good 5,000 and 10,000 metres. A lot of the sprinters are lazy. A lot have been very successful with minimum amounts of

training."
Heiden, aged 33, has mixed emotions while commentating. "Watching a great race like Sunday's 1.500 metres |won by Johan- Olav Koss, of Nor-

way I got the itch to go back down there," he said. But the feeling quickly passed. "I still enjoy having a couple of turns on the rink or skating on a lake, but

competing is over for me." The tall, immensely powerful Heiden quit the sport soon after his Olympic tri-

1980, but his name has been wiped from the record books with the advent of ultra-fast indoor ice halls. "I think I still hold the track record at the Bislett stadium in Oslo - but that's only because they don't skate there now."

He is relieved his celebrity status was short-lived. "The name may ring a bell but no one recognises me." he said. "It's great because I'd hate to have to walk around indark glasses all the time."



Unrecognisable: Heiden is happy in obscurity

**RUGBY UNION** 

# **England prosper** with relaxed mental approach

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

THE ugliness of the closing stages of England's game with France on Saturday tended to obscure the virtues of so much that had gone before, both English and French. But the quality will not have been lost on the Welsh management, whose team now stands between England and a second successive grand slam; both countries name their sides on Tuesday for the game at Twickenham on March 7.

The Welsh will have noted the facility with which England now score points, even when they are not dominat-ing. Don Rutherford, the Rugby Football Union's technical director, who has been associated with international rugby since 1960, either as player or administrator, be-lieves that the England XV is breaking new ground.

"We are obviously now in a situation where we can score and we know how to score," Rutherford said, "I have never seen an English side take the chances that this one does. They are a new breed. We can be hanging on to the ropes, we ride the punches then we see the opportunity and literally deliver a knockout punch of our own. I have never seen that in any other group, going back over 30

The boxing metaphor may not be entirely apt in the light of the two French suspensions, but it makes a vivid point. Moreover, England have a more relaxed mental approach since playing Australia in November which Will Carling, the captain, ac-knowledges. "It is an advance from the World Cup," he said. "We are getting very close to what the All Blacks achieved in their unbeaten four-year period."

Rutherford also points to the number of England players in good positions near the ball "either when the opposition makes a mistake or from a situation of our own choosing." He added: "They can all handle the ball, too. When two French players collided thate were backs and for-

wards available so that you had people like Carling and Pears and Moore making the running for Underwood, with others like Richards in the

"That hasn't just hap-pened. We have been working on this for four or five years. Fitness comes into it - there wouldn't be so many people round the ball if we weren't running fit — but it's also concentration on ball skills in tight situations."

Defensively, 100, England are a greatly-improved side. Carling admits the mistakes his players made in the first half in Paris but also their ability to recover. England's tackling has been learsome at times, though not quite as fearsome against the French, whose power and pace is comparable to that of Australian and New Zealand players.

"We learned a lot from the Australians last summer, Rutherford said. "They are very powerful runners and the game of the future is about power. It's nothing to do with height, but with the power-weight ratio. If you can tackle your weight, or a bit more, that will be reflected in

the way you play."
Pierre Berbizier, the French coach, may find the appointment of a pack leader a necessary step before the game with Scotland. Last Saturday's pack included no nominated leader, direction being left - as is so often the French way - to Fabien Galthie at scrum half. Thus Galthie aged 22 and a student winning only his eighth cap, found every responsi-bility devolving upon him when Philippe Sella went off injured, which may have contributed to the final catastrophic ten minutes.

Ireland's selectors meet tomorrow to review a disastrous season: they have called a squad weekend for March 7 and 8, when they are likely to confirm the team for the final championship match, against France on March 21. Philip Matthews, their captain, has denied he is consid-

# **Alliance urges** financial aid

By David Hands

THE four leading southernhemisphere countries, meeting in Sydney last weekend. formalised the standing of the Southern Hemisphere Rugby Alliance, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Argenting will next meet in February 1993.

Their combined effect. however, is immediate. They have agreed to recommend a system of financial compensation for countries taking part in the World Cup, which would involve money being paid to teams eliminated in qualifying rounds and a lump sum for all participants apart from the hosts.

That recommendation will go before the International Rugby Settlement, the trust established by the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) to develop rugby union worldwide, which will probably meet next month. The intention of the southernhemisphere countries is to assist the poorer rugby-playing nations to prepare prop-erly for future World Cups. Should the IRFB, at its

annual meeting in Wellington in April, agree proposes law changes (including the revised points-scoring system of five for a try and two for a dropped goal), then Australia and New Zealand will adopt them during the All Blacks' tour in July. That could lead to a somewhat anomalous situation if Scotland and Ireland (who tour Australia and New Zealand respectively in May) do so under the old values. Fundamental change midway through a season does not seem to have a great deal to recommend it.

All four countries will support New Zealand's proposal that coaches be allowed on to the field at half-time during internationals to address their players. That seems to me a retrograde step, taking responsibility from the captain and removing initiative from the players. ☐ Canterbury, the New Zea-

land kit manufacturers who equipped New Zealand, Australia and Western Samoa in the World Cup, have signed a £25,000 deal with Wasps.

# Geoghegan may not make Ireland tour

By Peter Bills

IRELAND, contemplating last place in the five nations' championship after their third defeat of the season against Scotland at the weekend, yesterday received more bad news.

Simon Geoghegan, their inspirational wing, said that he may miss the Irish tour of New Zealand in May due to pressure of studies.

Ireland are making an eight-match tour between May 13 and June 6 and Geoghegan was regarded as an essential ingredient as the Irish seek an improvement in their fortunes. The London Irish player said yesterday: "I am not at all sure I will be able to go. I have so many commitments around that time because I shall be preparing for my examinations

in July." n July. Geoghegan is studying at the Guildford Law School

the amount of time he has lost due to rugby commitments. He is taking an intensive course which requires nine examinations at the end. He said: "I have probably lost seven weeks from this season alone, five of them during the World Cup.

"I find I am fighting a losing battle as regards balancing the demands of work and rugby. And the situation will only get worse if as has been suggested League matches are brought in soon on a home and away basis each season. Whether I can spare the time to spend another five weeks away from my studies is doubtful."

Geoghegan will not make a final decision on whether to tour until after Ireland's last game in the five nations' championships, against France in Paris on March 21. But he concedes such a tour is and is already concerned at a great attraction to him.

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Roxburgh enjoys a rare chance to pick his strongest Scottish selection

# Strachan attacks build-up of fixtures

BY RODDY FORSYTH

SCOTLAND begin their preparations for the European championship finals tonight against Northern Ireland at Hampden Park knowing that the opportunities afforded by this fixture are unlikely to be duplicated when the Scots fly to Sweden on June 9. For one thing, Andy Roxburgh, the Scottish coach, has largely been able to select his pre-ferred team for this exercise without the disruption from injuries that usually under-mines his ambitions.

Gordon Strachan, the Scottish captain, illustrated the point graphically when he said yesterday: "I can tell you, as Andy himself knows only too well, that at the end of the season, you can't train British players because they're so tired after the demands which are made on them.

The fixture list in England can be horrendous. We have to play in the likes of the Zenith Data Systems Cup and it gets to the point where you turn out in games and you don't actually know what competition you're playing

"What it really amounts to is the fact that when you reach the World Cup finals or the European championship finals, you say to yourself that after they're finished you're going on holidays, so get yourself together for one last shot. But it's not exactly the way to go into the finals of a competition like this one where we will be up against

the best teams in Europe." It can be assumed that Strachan will not need the motivation of a family fortnight in Majorca to get him through Scotland's fixtures in Sweden. Tonight is his 49th

appearance for Scotland and, if he is fit and chosen to play in next month's friendly against Finland, also at Hampden, he will be inclu-ded in the SFA's Hall of Fame, where the portraits of those players who achieved a half century of caps are displayed.

Scotland's presence in the finals has lenghtened his international career because, had the Scots failed to reach the last eight. Roxburgh would have concentrated on laying the foundations of the team which must try to quali-fy for the World Cup finals for the sixth time in succession.

As it is, the coach must still look to the further horizon and he regrets the departure of Wright, of Aberdeen, from the squad because of a knee injury. However, both Rox-burgh and Billy Bingham, the Northern Ireland manager, have agreed to unrestricted use of substitutes tonight.

Yesterday, the Irish were going to train at Morton's ground at Cappielow, but the pitch was frozen and they were diverted to the playing fields at Jordanhill College. Bingham's only concerns are a groin strain sustained by Wilson and a calf injury by Magilton. Both face fitness tests before the game.



Stepping up: Daish, of Cambridge United, is a newcomer for the Republic

# Irish recall Welsh defeat Police say Blissett

NEVER was a defeat remembered more fondly by the vanquished than the Republic of Ireland's 1-0 defeat to Wales at Lansdowne Road six years ago. It was Jack Charlton's first match in charge of the Irish and marked the turning point in their fortunes, not least in Dublin where they have been unbeaten since in 25 games.

The home of Irish rugby union has become an impregnable fortress for Jack's jolly green giants, whose long-ball game has been unhindered by its treacherous surface. That is more than most visitors can say. Even in victory, the Welsh suffered a loss when Neville Southall's foot disappeared into one of Lansdowne Road's numerous pot-

holes, breaking his ankle. Yet, despite its obvious advantages to the initiated. Charlton is still enough of a footballer to regularly express

his abhorrence of it, describing the surface on one occasion as being only fit for horses. Well, this afternoon he will discover exactly what it. is like to play on a pitch best suited to our thoroughbreds of the equine variety when, because of the temporary unavailability of Lansdowne Road, the Irish receive Wales at the picturesque Royal Dub-

lin Society showgrounds. It will be a meeting of the unlucky also-rans and a chance for two Leeds United old boys to commiserate with one another. The respective teams of Charlton and Terry Yorath both failed gallantly in their quest to qualify for the European championship finals and must now look to the future - the World Cup qualifying competition.

Both teams have centre halves playing for the first time, Liam Daish, of Cambridge United, for the Irish

# will be prosecuted

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GARY Blissett, the Brentford forward, is to be charged with causing grievous bodily-harm to John Uzzell, of Torquay United, who suffered a broken cheekbone in their aerial clash in the third division match on December 14.

Blissett was sent off by Arthur Smith, the Birmingham referee, after the incident and charged by the Football Association with bringing the game into disrepute. However, a disciplinary commission decided that the automatic three-match ban was sufficient punishment. The Devon and Cornwall police said yesierday that papers have been submitted to the crown prosecution service and that Blissett was to be prosecuted. In rugby union, police in Sunbury are investigating an

urred on January 18 between Gary Rees, the England World Cup player from Not-tingham, and Stefan Marty. the London Irish flanker. Marty suffered a broken jaw and lost some teeth.

David Webb has submitted his resignation as manager of Southend United and is working out the six-month notice period stipulated by his contract with the second division club. Webb said yester-day: "My present contract expires in July and having no immediate wish or plans to leave the club, I would welcome the opportunity to renew my contractual association with them. There are, however, two fundamental reasons why lasting agreement is not able to be settled." He added that personal fiSQUASH RACKETS

# **Brothers** entertain without a reward

BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

THE Martin brothers, Rod-ney and Brett, of Australia, arguably the most talented shot-makers in the modern game, made entertaining but ultimately unrewarding con-tributions to the Pimm's Premier League this week, which may have jointly settled the destination of the title. Rodney Martin, the world

champion, in only his second competitive appearance since straining a foot tendon three months ago, led 9-6, 9-5 at first-string for North Walsham against Jansher Khan, the Pakistani element of the cosmopolitan Welsh Wizards squad from Cardiff, but could assemble only seven points from the next three

With Chris Walker overturning Peter Marshall, the new British champion, 5-9, 9-2, 9-5, 9-3 in a 90-minute second-string rubber, another sparkling game from the world champion might have kept the Wizards within reach over the remaining three fixtures of the Pimm's League, but comprehensive lower-order victories put the Cardiff squad eight points clear of second-placed L&P

Lambs also secured author-itative third and fourth-string victories at home against Mosaic Priory, but with Paul Gregory losing for the first time this season at second string, 9-3, 6-9, 9-6, 6-9, 4-9 over 98 minutes to Jason Nicola Minutes and First String Strin colle, the surprising first-string defeat of Brett Martin, the world No. 6, 7-9, 10-8, 5-9, 2-9 to his Australian compatriot, Rodney Eyles, killed the London club's hopes of a late challenge for the champ-ionship. Although they took the win bonus point on countback from the 2-2 draw, Lambs slipped further behind on 53 points.

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# French are made to struggle by spirited Italians

By Chris Thau

A PENALTY in injury time by the French full back, Stephane Ougier, deprived a resourceful and gallant Italian side of a draw they deserved against France A in the continental Fira champ-

ionship in Tarbes on Sunday. "It was really heart-breaking to lose like that. We are all devastated," Marcello Cuttitta, the Italian winger, said after the 21-18 defeat.

The superior experience of the French pack, which included five full international players in Armary, the captain. Seigne, Gourragne, Deslandes and Courtiols, as usell as the high terms of the captain. well as the highly-rated Narbonne flanker, Chamayou, gave the home side an advantage, but the Italians still made life difficult for the

They played well enough in the set-pieces to contain the French pack and share possession, but the French back row, of Courtiols, Chamayou and Delandes, had the better of their Italian counterparts

in the loose.
"Courtiols had an outstanding game. He was everywhere. He was involved in every French attack and tack-led his heart out in defence. Compared to their forwards, the French backs did not impress. We played reasonably well and we had a good opportunity to win. But our obvious lack of experience at this level meant that our efforts were doomed." Cuttitta said.

The Italians, who play England B in a fortnight, have maintained the momentum that the World Cup gave them and have emerged as a power to be reckoned with on the continent. Both their firstchoice half backs, Ivan Francescato and Massimo Bonomi, are injured and unable to play against the English, but their replace-ments, Francesco Pictrosanti and Diego Dominguez, made an adequate contribution to a solid Italian performance.

While the French camp was undoubtedly pleased with the win. Berbizier, the national coach, and his selectors were less than satisified with the quality of the French

Finding replacements for the two front-row forwards sent off on Saturday for France's next game in the five nations' championship, against Scotland, has become an urgent priority. Louis Armary, the prop, is likely to re-emerge at international level, while Chamayou is one of several candidates for the hooker's berth.

#### GOLF

### Seniors start at St Pierre

PRIZE-MONEY totalling 2500,000 will be available on the inaugural PGA European Seniors Tour, which will be launched with the Gary Play-er Classic at St Pierre. Chepstow, from April 24 to 26 (Mitchell Platts writes).

The flagship event will be the Seniors British Open at Royal Lytham and St Annes from July 23 to 26, with a prize fund of £200,000. Constant Smits Van Waesberghe, of The Nether-lands, has been suspended for three months following a hearing to consider his disqualification from the European Tour qualifying school

Van Waesberghe was reported by his playing part-ners for moving his ball approximately half-an-inch on a green.

### SPORT IN BRIEF

### Olympians Muggeridge out are invited

EVERY Briton who has taken part in the Olympic Games, is being invited to attend a unique gathering Manchester on June 11.

More than 3,000 competitors have represented Britain since the first modern Games in 1896 and already 1,500 have registered with the British Olympic Association.

### School planned

Cricket: Worcestershire plan a £1.2 million indoor school at New Road. It will be named after Basil D'Oliveira.

Bid for power Rugby League: The leading clubs are to ask the Rugby Football League to give them greater power, with a reduction of third division voting power, and a larger share of television and spons-

# Badminton: Joanne Mug-geridge, of England, will miss this week's Uber Cup world team championship

preliminary rounds in The Netherlands because of of

#### Cyclists get call Cycling: Invitations for this year's Kelloggs Tour of Brit-ain, starting in Dundee in ·August, go out today.

Funding continues Rowing: The Henley Stew-ards' Charitable Trust will continue to fund the employment of a full-time coach for the Great Britain junior team for the next four years.

### Geoffrey Little

Rifle shooting: Geoffrey Lit-tle, who has died aged 83, was one of Britain's leading target rifle marksmen and administrators for many

### Gauvreau breaks through

Gauvreau, ranked 114th, used his tight percentage game to earn his first ranking

point for three years. Gary Wilkinson edged out Jim Chambers, the manager of a tenpin bowling alley, 5-4, while Dennis Taylor won the last three frames to beat Brian Morgan 5-3.

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Alan Neilson, the teenage

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Another first will be Mark

Hughes's captainty of the

Welsh in succession to Ratcliffe, although Yorath suggested that he might ex-

periment with one or two

other candidates in the near

future. The Irish, too, will be looking for a new captain, who will, in all probability, be

Andy Townsend, the Chelsea

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**REAL TENNIS** 

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**RUGBY UNION Club** matches Clifton v RAF (7.30) 

The Army v Surrey

**RUGBY LEAGUE** STONES BITTEN CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Wakefield v Widnes (7 30). OTHER SPORT

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MARCEL Gauvreau, a Bradford-based French Canadian, reached the televised stages of a tournament for the first time since September 1986 when he best Bob Chaperon, the champion in 1990, 5-3 at the Pearl Assurance British Open in the Assembly Rooms, Derby, yesterday (Phil Yates writes).

PESULTS: Fourth round: M Gauvreau (Can) bt R Chaperon (Can), 5-3; G Willenson (Eng) bt J Chambers (Eng), 5-4, D Taylor (N les) bt B Morgan (Eng), 5-2, J Johnson (Eng) bt J Grech (Nalta), 5-3.

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# Lineker is left on the bench

By STUART JONES FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

GRAHAM Taylor has made some bizarre decisions in his capacity as the manager of England over the last 18 months but none of them compares to his latest move. The unforeseen omission of his captain, Gary Lineker, for the international match against France tonight has been greeted with widespread

No one had predicted that Rob Jones would complete an extraordinarily rapid ascent or that Nigel Clough would be recalled but at least their inclusions were welcome and logical. The exclusion of

Following Taylor's explanation is akin to walking through the maze at Hampton Court. A week after stating categorically that it would be unwise to leave out the nation's leading scorer, he now considers it preferable to develop a potentially striking partnership between David Hirst, of Sheffield Wednesday, and Alan Shearer, of

Nine months after declaring that he would rather not substitute his captain, he has reduced him to the unprecedented indignity of sitting on the bench at the start. Linker himself was stunned to hear that he had been dropped for the first time since becoming an established international six years ago.

He has effectively paid a humiliating price for his own honesty. Rather than concealing his intention to retire at the end of the European characteristics finally in the second of the championship finals in June, he informed Taylor. It was poignant that Lineker, though apparently hurt by his temporary dismissal, should yesterday maintain a diplomatic silence.

"In business, when someone tells you that he is resigning in three months, you either tell him to go or you

place," Taylor said. He thing to play this team" — a surprise package - against a nation drawn in the same group in Sweden. That did not make convincing sense,

Although Taylor stressed that Lineker is not "under threat", his future is evidently more limited than even he thought. So are his chances of scoring the four goals he requires to surpass Bobby Chariton's record of 49.

Since it must be presumed that Lineker will lead the attack in the summer, it would surely have been more worthwhile trying either Shearer or, preferably, Hirst, with

Alan Smith, recently his most regular ally, failed to recover from a dead leg and was ruled out of contention. An experimental spear-

head was last fashioned in 1984, coincidentally against France in Paris. At least the fresh compo nents, Brian Stein and Paul

at Luton Town and not strangers to each other. Nevertheless, the combination was such an obvious fail-

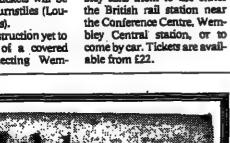
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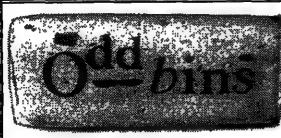
picked again. Hirst, a naturally left-footed forward making his second full appearance, and Shearer, a right-footed nov-

### ice, will not even have the Wembley warning

A CROWD of between bley Park underground sta-50,000 and 60,000 is expected for the international against France at Wembley tonight, when tickets will be on sale at the turnstiles (Louise Taylor writes).

With the construction yet to be completed of a covered walkway connecting Wemtion and the stadium approaches, the tube is closed to football supporters. Wembley asks them to use either the British rail station near the Conference Centre, Wembley Central station, or to





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Face of the future: Shearer prepares for tonight's international at an England training session

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

IF ALAN Shearer's first ap-

pearance on the international

stage proves half as dramatic

Wembley will be in for a treat

tonight. Four years ago, aged

Shearer scored three goals

against Arsenal on his first

team debut for Southampton.

million is testimony to the fact

that he has barely looked

back since. Thirteen goals in

11 appearances for the England Under-21s and 17 this

season for Southampton, the

first division's bottom side,

ampton manager, who once

coached under Graham Tay-

lor at Lincoln City and Lawrie McMenerny at The Dell, has

no doubt supplied the Eng-

mational honours:

Ian Branfoot, the South-

are proof of that.

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benefit of comforting experience behind them. Clough and Geoff Thomas

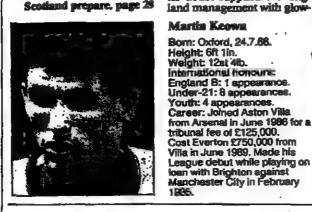
have merely a dozen caps between them and Neil Webb, resuming his career, has not played at Wembley for three years.

The other new boys are acting as understudies. Jones. aged 20, who was represent-Crewe Alexandra five for David Rocastle, who twisted an ankle in training, and Martin Keown is filling in for the injured Paul Parker

"All the best teams have three essentials," Taylor said. "A scorer, a playmaker and someone who stops the opposition's best player." So why willingly cast aside one of the principal ingredients?

Lineker has claimed 46 goals. Tonight's line-up between them has as many as Chris Woods conceded on Saturday. That is seven.

Scotland prepare, page 28



Born: Newcastle, 13.8.70. Weight: 11st 3fb. International honours: Under-21: 12 appearances, 13

in April 1989. At 17 years 240 days, the youngest player to some a first division hat-trick, on his full debut in 4-2 defeat of Arsenal, April 1988.

ing references. It was McMenemy who spirited Shearer away from his native Newcastle, and Newcastle's loss was Southampton's gain. As Branfoot put it: "Alan is worth an awful lot of points a season to this club. He never fades or hides, he is a grafter who is full of aggression and enthusiasm for his work. He is ideal to work with, and is going to get an awful lot



Shearer steps forward better. He has bottle and

If Shearer's rise has been rapid, that of Rob Jones has been meteoric. Aged 20, the full-back joined Liverpool from Crewe Alexandra — the club which also produced David Platt and Geoff Thomas — for £300,000 last

· September. Born in Wrexham, his only previous international experience is two appearances for England youth, but he is following in the footsteps of his father who played twice for England in 1950, while also

a Liverpool player. By comparison, Martin Keown is, at 25, a veteran. The Everion central defender has saved the best football of his career for this season and is fulfilling the potential that persauded the Merseyside club to pay £750,000 for his services three years ago.

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for £300,000. His grandfather, Bill Jones, also played for Liverpool and was awarded two England caps in 1950. Made his League debut for Crewe' against Darlington, aged 16, having joined them as a

# Revolutionary bat receives approval of ICC

Sydney: An Australian inventor yesterday unveiled a revolutionary cricket bat in which the traditional straight handle is replaced by a curved handle, which the designer says gives barsmen more power and control.

Because the change was to the handle, and not the blade of the bat, it has been declared legal by the sport's world governing body, the International Cricket Council (ICC).

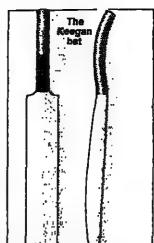
The handle of the new bat' bends back away from the top of the blade, then hooks forward again, forcing the batsman's hands behind the face as the ball is played.

The laws of cricket state the but shall be not more than 38 inches (96.5cm) in length and that the blade of the bat shall be made of wood and shall not exceed 44 inches (10.8cm) at the widest part. reference to the handle. The new bat, designed by Sydney inventor Paul Keegan, has drawn interest from some of the game's leading players, past and present

Richie Richardson, the West Indies captain, tried the new bat during practice at the Sydney Cricket Ground vesterday.
"It looked a bit strange

when I saw it, but I thought it could be the bat of the funire," he said. "I like a bat that's slightly curved, anyway, because it's better to spank the ball. But it is different and it would take a bit of

getting used to."
The innovative bat was launched yesterday by the former Australian players, Doug Walters and Steve Smith. Walters said it had a "sweet



pot" (preferred hitting zone) four times that of the normal bat. Peter Roebuck, the for-mer Somerset balsman, gave the bat a favourable review in a Sydney newspaper. The former Australian last

bowler. Dennis Lillee, was the last pioneer to dabble with the basic bat, unchanged for more than a century. He went in against England 12 years ago with an aluminium bat. Mike Brearley, the England captain, protested, Lillee threw the bat away in disgust and it subsequently was banned by the ICC.

Other experimental bats have been tried in England in recent seasons. A bat with a convex face, intended to assist big-hitting by causing the ball to fly at unexpected angles, was banned by MCC, the custodians of the laws of cricket; but last year MCC approved, after trials, a doue-faced bar, designed to to last twice as long as the traditional bat.

Lamb gamble, page 26

# O'Reilly cruises through heat

FROM JOHN HENNESSY IN ALBERTVILLE

WILF O'Reilly, the best hop - with all due respect to the four-man bob team - of a British Olympic medal here, successfully negotiated the first hurdle in the short-track skating championship, in the Ice Hall where Klimolva and Ponomarenko had triumphed in the ice dance the night before.

The flimsy dresses and peasant costume gave way to crash helmets and knee pads as an exciting new Olympic spectacle came into focus. It is the only Winter Olympics sport, after hockey, which is contested head to head with no reference to a clock or a

panel of judges. O'Reilly was pitched into a heat of the 1,000m contested by only three skaters, with two to count. This ought to have been a help to O'Reilly, the world champion over this specific distance, which involves 11 laps of this tiny oval.

However, he imposed his will over Lianli Li, of China, and Jae-Kun Song, of South Korea, and, unlike previous heat winners, led from start to

It was a most impressive performance. Only two of Britain's three skaters were able to get

ter-finals. First, Nick Gooch had fallen on the sixth lap in heat two, having just forced his way comfortably into second place. He was the first faller of

through to tomorrow's quar-

the evening. Matt Jasper, in the next heat, came through with some comfort. He was coritent to linger in third place for five laps, and then smoothly

stole the lead from Dmitri Erchov, of the CIS. In Meribel, goalkeeper Sean Burke put Canada, the favourites for the old medal. into the Olympic ice hockey semi-finals, just saving Ger-

many's sixth penalty in a sudden-death shoot-out. The two teams finished 3-3 at the end of normal time. A fast, furious but scoreless ten minutes of extra time followed, leaving the outcome to be decided by the penalties.

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# DLV confident of Krabbe evidence

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

KATRIN Krabbe, the double ban, Krabbe said: "I just first meeting with her lawyers yesterday to work on her appeal against a four-year ban imposed by the German athletics federation (DLV) for allegedly being involved in manipulating a drugs test during a training session in South Africa last month.

Legal experts here say that, ironically, her most promising defence is that she is now said to have been guilty of a similar manipulation of a test in Germany last year. Her lawyers are expected to argue that by failing to act on that first test, the DLV either condoned what was going on then or else made a mistake in the analysis.

Jos Hermens, Krabbe's Dutch manager, insists that the evidence against her is flimsy, concocted by west German authorities to discredit an east German star. In her only interview since the

world sprint champion, had a can't fathom it and say over and over again: we are innocent.

The federation is confident that no defence based on legal or technical grounds will be accepted by the courts. The DLV remains convinced that the tests carried out on the samples in Cologne were accurate and that Krabbe and the two other athletes banned with her, Silke Moeller and Grit Breuer, must at least have been aware that manipulation was going on.

According to a DLV spokesman, the most promis ing defence might be to claim that the ban constituted a "berufsverbor" — an order to prevent her from following her chosen career - and that she would lose financially by not being able to run.

The banned athletes have engaged a large Frankfurt legal firm experienced in west German courts.

# Sky is the limit in TV rights

BRITISH Sky Broad-casting's determination to be a leading player in sport yesterday brought criticism from the BBC and MPs, who tabled an Early Day Motion complaining that only those with satellite dishes or cable television will be able to watch the cricket World Cup, which begins in Australasia on Fri-

Throughout the monthong tournament, the BBC traditionally the home of England's international cricket - and ITV will be restricted to one minute of recorded highlights during news bulletins.

Two years ago, Sky successfully broadcast the Test maiches between England and West Indies in the Caribbean. A surge in the sales of satellite dishes followed -125,000 systems were installed during the series.

Between February 21 and March 25, Sky Sports will broadcast 25 games live. The BBC, with all its other comminments, could never have matched such an output but

would have liked the chance to show extended highlights. Sir Michael Checkland, the director-general of the BBC. said yesterday that he was still hoping BSkyB would release footage. They must learn to well as to take," he

The latest dispute further demonstrates how sport has become a battleground for the television powers. The BBC may have lost this skirmish but Jonathan Martin. head of BBC Sport, is confident. "There is a resolve to continue making the BBC a powerful, powerful player in sports television. I think we are as strong as we have ever been in history."

Greater competition has been responsible for forcing up the prices for television rights. Usually, the BBC has been able to find the money. It is spending a record £55 million this year to screen 1,600 hours of sport, including the Winter and Summer

an football championships. Wimbledon tennis and the Masters and Open golf championships.

The Barcelona Olympics. alone, will cost the BBC £12 million in rights and production costs. This, the BBC believes, will be money well

"Except for the Moscow Olympics, when there was a boycott and we had to halve our operation, 1992 will be the first Olympic Games since 1972 when many of the major events, including most athletics finals, will be going out at peak viewing time." Martin said. BBC is also benefiting from

the uncertainty in 1991 at ITV. caused by companies being reluctant to commit large amounts of money when they were applying for their franchises to be extended. With a policy of showing events "live and exclusive ITV, with a budget of about £35 million, has the Derby, selected football matches in the Barciays League and

tic athletics contract and some boxing promotions. ITV will also share the European football championships

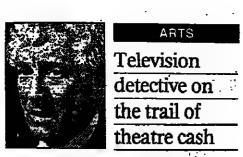
John Bromley, chairman of TSL a leading independent production company, said: It's a much more competitive marketplace than it has ever been. With two million dishes, BSkyB has got a foothold which a lot of people did not think it would achieve."

He said that the "original cosiness" between the BBC and BSB, with the two sharing events, has not been so evident since the merger of the satellite channels.

The BBC is still the dominant force in the televising of sport but, occasionally, it has to lose a race, a match or a fight. For the World Cup, cricket lovers who do not have access to Sky Sports will have to content themselves with live coverage on Radio 3 and, from February 29, Radio 5.

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# Ireland talks abortion

Ireland is ignorant about sex; Ireland doesn't need any sex education.

Alice Thomson hears opposing views of the latest controversy in the Republic

n I reland they prefer to talk about politics, religion or Europe than to use the Aword. It is not that they do not have strong convictions about abortion, but the issue has become so emotive and bitterly divisive that in many circles the word is

Abortion has been illegal in the Republic of Ireland since indepen-dence. At a referendum in 1983 an amendment to the constitution protecting "the right to life of the unborn child", was approved by a two-to-one majority. Each year about 8,000 women, the majority of them under 25, make the journey across the Irish Sea to have an abortion in Britain. Successive Irish governments have ignored this traffic.

Now a 14-year-old rape victim is pregnant and the High Court in Dublin has granted the Attorney-General, Harry Whelehan, an injunction preventing the girl from having her pregnancy termi-nated in Britain. In his first days of office, the new prime minister, Albert Reynolds, is staring the Aword in the face. So, once again,

On St Valentine's night, I reland was on the eve of a rugby international against Scotland. Kilts were swirling and roses were being generously distributed throughout Dublin. At midnight at The Pink Elephant he (redub at The Pink Elephant, the in-club zanne Murphy, 21, a Dublin sales assistant, and her friend, an unemployed model, were, by their own admission, out on the prowl. Ms Murphy thinks it is disgraceful that the girl should have been put through the case. "We are not a bunch of Catholics living in the Dark Ages anymore. Most of the young are very free thinking and believe in sex before marriage," she says. "Women should have a right to their own bodies and their. own feelings. Nobody else should dictate a woman's private life. I don't think abortion should be as easy as in Britain, where you can just book an appointment like going to the dentist. But it should be available to those who have really thought about it and cer-tainly for those who have been raped or whose lives are at risk."

John Rush, 21, a shop manager, agrees, but adds: "Dublin is very unrepresentative, it was the most liberal in the referendum. If you go out to the sticks you will find that almost everyone is anti-abortion. I feel terribly sorry for any girl who gets pregnant by mistake in some

country village. in the early hours of the morning at Sueseys bar, the owner, Rohan Techan, aged 42, is entertaining some friends. "I can't have any children of my own and it really hurts when a woman wants an abortion. They are just so sad."

children. But this girl is still a child and you can't impose a family philosophy on her. Her life would be ruined by having a child. I would never have voted for the amendment if I thought it would come to this."

Her niece, Cliodhna Quinlan is 18, and has come to stay for the weekend from County Mayo. "Women have to decide for themselves. I am at school. It would be difficult to have a child but I would cope," she says. She does not want abortion legalised in Ireland because she feels that Catholic doctors would then be obliged to deal with cases which could go against their beliefs. Her boy-friend, who was adopted, is against abortion under any circumstances. "Just because a child's parent is a rapist or under age, it shouldn't be condemned to

die," he thinks.
On Sanurday morning, three groups held demonstrations against the injunction on the high street among the shoppers and the rugby fans. Maxine Brady, the 23year old president of the Union of Students in Ireland, brought her two-year-old daughter with her. She has been one of the most vocal. advocates of free information on abortion services in Britain and has helped to set up Escort, a Liverpool student volunteer organisation which provides escorts for Irish women who go to Liverpool had a row with a woman on a bus who spat in her face and attacked her for "Helping to kill lives".

The people who come to us feel psychologically, physically or fi-nancially unable to have a child," she says. "They are not just having an abortion because they don't want a break in their career. They are so desperate for an abortion they will always find a way to pay. We are just smoothing the way."

Since the referendum, the Irish Supreme Court, the country's ultimate legal authority, has clamped down on counselling services, ban-ning them from giving the names, addresses or telephone numbers of



Breaking old taboos: profesters on O'Connell Street in Dublin last weekend attempt to bring the issue of abortion to the attention of Saturday morning shoppers

to-25 year olds. I rish women are as likely to have abortions as their European counterparts.

Miss Brady thinks the situation can only be alleviated by better education and counselling services. There is an appalling level of ignorance about sex in Ireland. One man had been re-using the same condom. Many regret having abortions but they aren't allowed any counselling first." She adds: "This ruling will drive the issue even further under. Women's lives will be put at risk from backstreet abortions and women will be frightened of going to the police if they've been raped."

nown with both high unemployment and a high proportion of single mothers. Pat Conroy, the mother of five daughters, is having tea with some friends. Once the men have been banished from the house, the women talk passionately about abortion. They are all active in their local church. "The right to life is fundamental," Mrs Conroy says. "Every child has a soul from the moment it is conceived: a foetus is not a turnip, it is

a living being."
Pamela O'Neil cannot understand why a young woman cannot give the baby up for adoption if she feels she cannot cope with being a

abortion clinics. Despite this, re- Thirty miles outside Dublin in mother. Twenty years ago adop- There is only one disserting has proved us a backward country. Mrs O'Neil's teenage children are Now few young women consider

adoption as an alternative to abortion and the Irish Adoption Society says that the number of babies coming up for adoption is minimal. "There is something wrong with the world when one mother is having an abortion in one hospital room and next door another premature baby is fighting for its life."

Catherine Maher believes the root of the problem goes further back. "There was never a problem in Ireland until people began to be promiscuous outside marriage. We need to educate people so they don't think that it is desirable. Children need to be taught about respect for life and for each other. A relationship involves love and responsibility, not just lust. All sex education does is encourage them to be promiscuous, it makes them feel sex is for free and it is not." ...

One of Mrs Conroy's daughters, Maria, says: "The British don't seem to understand that we are talking about a life. They are more concerned about the life of a fox than the life of a baby child and they are foisting their views on the Irish young. It doesn't matter if the foetus is malformed or the mother has been raped, the child must be given the chance to survive, even if the mother's life is

onnouy, ine mother of five children, understands the pressures facing young women who get pregnant. She still remembers the case a few years ago when a young school teacher was hounded from her job after having an illegitimate child. There is less of a stigma about being a single parent in Ireland now but it is still tough financially and emotionally. The Irish love children and I think we should do more to help young women to keep their babies by providing counsel-

ling, childcare facilities and finance," she says. "I do not believe that this case

We are at the forefront of a world movement towards greater humanity. The Americans have already begun to question abortion. Soon other countries will be fol-

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Campaigning for free information: Maxine Brady, president of the Union of Students in Ireland

# The cat that drooled over dynamite

To Valentines from the cats, again. Sometimes I wonder whether they are working as hard at this relationship as I am. Few other pets, I imagine, were lucky enough to find their Valentine's day breakfasts laid out on heart-shaped trays, with the words "From Guess Who" artfully arranged in Kit-Bits around the edge. But what do I get in return? Not even a single rose. Not even a "Charming thought, dear. Must rush." Just the usual unceremonious leap through the cat-flap; the usual glimpse of the flourished furry backside, with its 'Eat my shorts" connotation. Wearily I sweep up the Kit-Bits with a dustpan and brush, and try to remember whether King Lear was talking about pets when he coined the phrase about the serpent's tooth.

Of course, the world would be a distinctly different place if cats suddenly comprehended the concept of give and take - if every time you struggled home with a hundredweight of cat food and said accusingly, "This is all for you, you know", the kittles accordingly hung their heads and felt embarrassed. Imagine the scene on the garden wall: "Honestly. guys, I'd love to come out. But the old lady gave me Sheba this morning, and I kind of feel obligated to stay home." "She gave you Sheba?" "Yeah. But don't go on about it. I feel bad enough that I can never remember to wipe my feet when I come in from the garden. When I think of how much she does for me . . . " (breaks

down in sobs). Instead, one takes one's thanks in other ways. For example, take the Valentine's present I bought them: a new cat-nip toy, shaped like a stick of dynamite. This has gone down gratifyingly well. even though the joke misfired slightly. You see, I had fancied the idea of a cat streaking through doorways with a stick of dynamite between its jaws, looking as though it had heroically dived into a threatened mine-shaft and recovered the explosive just in time to save countess lives. In this Lassie Come Home fantasy, however, I was disappointed. Instead, cat number one reacted to the dynamite by drooling an alarming quantity of gooey stuff all over it (as though producing ectoplasm at a seance), and then hugging it to his chest and trying to kick it to death with

his back paws. Yet all is not lost. If the cat chooses to reject the heroic image (and settles for the more customary one of "Call me pea-brain"), I SINGLE LIFE

Lynne Truss bemoans feline reluctance

to play the game



can still make the best of it. With a few subtle adjustments to my original plan, i can now play a highly amusing game with the other cat which involves shouting. "Quick! Take cover! Buster's got a stick of dynamite, and we'll all be blown sky-high!" And I dive behind the sofa. It's a real hoot especially the way the two cats pretend not to be interested. Actually. the window-cleaner

thought it was so funny that he

kept smiling at me through the glass, and nodding. I suppose all this grainude stuff has been brought to mind because I recently purchased a very expensive cat-accessory, which has somehow failed to elicit huzzahs of appreciation. In fact, it has been completely cold-shouldered. Called a "cat's cradle", it is a special fleecy-covered cat-hammock which hooks on to a radiator. The cat is suspended in a cocoon of warmth. A brilliant invention, you might think. Any rational cat would jump straight into it. Too stupid to appreciate the full glory of my gift, however, my own cats sleep underneath it (as though it shelters them from

rain), and I begin to lose patience.
"Come on, kitties," I trilled (at first). "Mmmm," I rubbed my cheek on the fleecy stuff. "Isn't this lovely? Wouldn't this make you feel like a - well, er, like an Eastern potentate, or a genie on a magic carpet, or a very fortunate cat having a nice lie-down suspended from a radiator?" However, 1 stopped this approach after a week of failure. Now I pull on my thick gardening gloves, grab a wrigdoes. I mean, he's here, isn't he?" gling cat by the waist, and hold it firmly on its new bed for about 45

seconds until it breaks away.

I am reminded of a rather inadequate thing that men sometimes say to women, in an attempt to reassure them. The woman says, "I never know if you love me, Jonathan", and the man replies smoothily, "Well, I'm here, aren't I?" The sub-text to this corny evasion (which fools nobody) is a very interesting cheat - it suggests that, should the slightest thing be wrong with this man's affections, he would of course push off immediately into the wintry night, rather than spend another minute

compromising his integrity at the

nice fireside with cups of tea.

Having a cat, I find, makes you susceptible to this line of reasoning - perhaps because it is your only direct line of consolation. "I wonder if he loves me," you think occasionally (perhaps as you search the doormat in vain for Valentines with paw-prints on them). And then you gently lift the can-opener from its velvet cushion in the soundproofed kitchen, and with a loud ker-chunk-chunk a cat comes cannoning through the catflap, and skids backwards across the line on its burn. And you think cheerfully, "Well, of course he

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HALLE: Peter Frankl joins Stanislaw Skrowaczawald and the Hallé in a solid evening of Brahms. He tackes the mountainous sole part in the First Plano Concerto, and afterwards the orchestra gets to grips with the tough but inspiring First Symphony. Barbican Hall, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.45pm.

BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: An Ingenious piece of programme planning from the BBCSO brings together Stravineky's 1947 ballet Orpheus and 1934 melodreme Persephone, ad Atherton conducts, while John Aller is the tenor (and, presumably, the speaker of Gide's elaborate text) in Passaphone, for which work the orchestra is also joined by the BBC Singers and Symphony Chorus and the New London Children's Choir. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1

(071-928 9800), 7.30pm.

LONDON MCZART PLAYERS: Obver von Dohnfunyt conducts the players in a Sparsish programme continuing the group's "Europe in Harmony" series. The programme begins with a symphony by 19th-century composer Arriaga, followed by Rodrigo's guitar concerte, Conciento de Aranjeux, performed by Nicola Hall, and continues with Gerhard's Alegriss and excerpts from De Falla's belief music, The Three-Cornered Hall. South Bank, London SE1 (071-638 8891), 7.45pm.

OPERA 80: The company opens its spring tour in Swindon with a new production of Mozart's Don Glovenni, directed by Stephen Medicali, designed by Laz Brotherston and conducted by low Bolton. Devid Ellis takes the leading role, with supporting cast including Flona Cameron, Julia Melinek, Jonethan

[] 'ALLO, 'ALLO: Gordon Keys and his team of turny frogs and krauts up to their families antics. treer rames enucs.

Dominion, Totlenhem Court Road, W1 (071-580 9562). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm.

E BECKET: Riveting performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindsay in Anouith's piley on the relationship herware Thurnes & Beofest and Herny II. Theetire Royal, Haymarkel, SW1 (071-930 B800), Mon-Sal, 7-30pm, mats Wed, Sal, 3pm, 165mins,

LA BETE Bravurs performance by LI LA SELIE DISVUTE PERFORMANCE BY Alan Cumming N. a strange Molère perody: eccentric but clever. Lyrio Hammeramith, King Street, W8 (081-741 2311), Mon-Sel, 7.45pn, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sal, 4pm, 145mins. THE COTTON CLUB: AN

impression of the Harlem nightspot: high on emergy, low on story freatmess. Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 8404). Mon-Fri, 7-30pm, Sat. Spn., mets Wed, 2.30pm, Sat. 4pm, 160mins, THE CUTTING: Intriguing two-hander by Maureen O'Brien between a stient prisoner on a murder rap and a psychiatrist. Fine performances. Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3366). Mon-Sat, Spm: 120min

play, set in 1930s Dongal. Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WCE (071-494 505). Non-Sat, Spra, mats Thurs, Spra, Sat, Jam. 1874-197. I DANCING AT LUGHNASAL BRIDT

AN EVENING WITH GARY
LINEKER: Sometimes drof look at the
limitation of a verney married to a Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (071-494 5075), Mon-Thurs, Spm, Fri, Set.

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Feeter is possessed with making an irieh
multionate (Yony Doyle) arts the new
Gigit in Tom Marphy's powerful rable.
Almelde, Almelde Street, N1 (071-559
4404). Mon-Set, 8pm, met Set, 4pm.
150m/ms. Bithal variet.

Setistying musical celebrating Fifties and Sixtles pop classics. Great suit. Street, Alovych, WC (971-240 0900). Mon-Thurs, Spm, Frl, Sat. 5.30pm and 8.30pm. 216mins.

NEW RELEASES

BARTON FINK (15): The Cosh brothers' marvellous mecabre comedy about a New York playvright all at sea. m 1940s Hollywood, Starting John Turturro, John Gosdman, A triple Canves prizzwinner. Gate (071-727 4043) Lumlère (071-636 0691) Soreen on the HE (071-435 3056).

THE FAVOUR, THE WATCH AND THE VERY BIG FISH (15): Friety THE YERY BIG FISH (19): Francy absurdity about a Franch photographer of devotional scenes (Bob Hoskins) strugging to find his Christ. With Jelf Goldbium, Nebsehs Richertson; director, Ben Lewin. Odeon Haymerket (1428 918363).

THE LUNATIO (15): Helty German mucent (the ebullent Paul Campl Artiess feeture debut her account director Loi Crame. Prince Charles (071-497 8181).

PRIORE VIBRIES (V71-47 ST81).
PRIORIEM CHILD II (PG): Dismel sequel to an already dire original, with Michael Oliver (the delinquent tyte), John Ritter (the divorced delt), sind much flying vorat.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Plaza (071-497 9599) Whitsleys (071-792 2552).

STAR TREK VI: THE UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY (PG): Farewell Kirk and Spock, battling galaxy war-mongers in their lest scree adventure. Underwhelming, but edequate. With William Shatner, Leonard Nimey; director, Nicholau Meyer. Veyer. Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fullsam Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

BLACK ROBE (15): Seventeenth century Jesuit (Lotheirs Blutesu) tries to convert Indians in northern Quebec. Intelligent epic from Brian Moors's

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Veirs and Lisa Tyrell. Don Giovenni is performed in repertoire with Clare Venables's production of the Britten opers, Albert Herring. Wyvern Theatre, Theatre Square, Swindon, Wiltshire (0783 524481). 7.30pm

BILLY BUDD: Britten's all-male opera poweriess victim of circumstance, discrimination, intunderstanding, and undertones of homosexuality (stressed more in some productions than others) opens at Scottish Opens. This production is Graham Vick's, revived by Paul Maloney The cast Includes Nigel Sobson as Vare, Simon Keenlyside as Billy and Gidon Selss as Claggart. ard Armstrong conducts. etre Royal, Hope Street, Glad

TURMER — THE FIFTH DECADE.
The Clore Gallery's surveys of Turner's career in temporary exhibitions is cries-crossing the ground, working cometimes by theme, sometimes by period. The period covered by this lefest is 1830-40, during which Turner was at the halfold of the provent and letest is 1830-40, during which Turner was at the height of his powers and fame. The drawings and welercolours included show much technical experiment, the completion of some of the previous decade a major projects, such as the Picturesque Views in England and Wales, the beginnings of the Rivers of France, and his astonishing coverage of the Houses of Parliament fire in 1834.

THEATRE GUIDE Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London House full, returns only Some seats available

MAKING IT BETTER A Saunders' subtle play concerned with ideals, reality and liberation in Prague and London; Jarie Asher in an exemplary cast of four. Hampstead, Swites Cottage Centra, NWS (071-722 8301). Mon-Set, 8pm, met Set, 4pm. 120mins.

Seats at all prices

I THE MASTER AND MARGARITA THE MASTER AND MANUSCRITTS.

Remarkable compression of Bulgakov's novel about the devil's visit to Moscow, Some complexity lost but the sauming comedy comes over well.

Battersea Arts Centre, Old Town Hell, Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223).

Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, met Sun, 6pm, Final week.

THE MINNT OF THE MUNNA: Altred Moltrs and a superb Elect Atlans in Tennessee Willems's late r-sons in terminate Williams's labs play on the effects of assume repression National (Lyttelton), South Bank, 321 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, met tomorrow, 2.16pm.

D PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: Gleaful version of the old thriller tunes by Offenbach, Verdi and Weber but not Lloyd Webber. Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (1971-379 5393), Mon-Frit, 7-30pm, 8at, 6-30pm, meta Thure, Sprit, Set, Sprit, 150mine.

E SELF PORTRAIT: Absorbing, if at times confusing, study of the painter Gwen John and the impulse behind her portraits of stricten women.

Orange Tree, Clerence Street, Richmond (061-840 3633), Mon-Set, 2 disease, 18 feets. 7.45pm, mat Set, 4pm. 150mins.

CI SOPHISTICATED LADIST: Twelve singer-dencers which through the music of Duke Etington, Obvious routines cannot disguise the true rueful Duke. Globe, Shaftenbury Avenue, WI (071-Globe, Shafteebury Avenue, W1 (071-484 5088), Mon-Fri, Spm, Set, 8.30pm, mate Wed, 3pm, Set, Spm. 130mins.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of release scross the country.

novel, Director, Bruce Beresford, Castron Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-454 9031) Plaza (071-467 8938). BOLDU SAVED FROM DROWNING (PG): Welcome revival of Jean Renoir's anerchic pestorate (1932), with Michel Sanon as the unregenerate tramp clasped to the bourgeols boson. Plus Jean Vigo's surred view of school days, 24m de complete III.

Zéro de conduita (U). Renoir (071-837 8402).

Nell as an ageing mother's by sucked into love, violence and accidental marder. Testy black comedy from new Australian director-John Frums. Cannons: Chelses (071-352 5095) Tottenham Court Road (071-838 6148) Metro (071-437 0757).

DELICATESSEN (16): French video whiczkicle Jeunet and Caro's worderfully bizarre fantasy about a houseful of tenants living above a cannibalistic butcher. With Dominique Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096)
Tottenheim Court Road (071-352 5096)
Tottenheim Court Road (071-358 5148)
Metro (071-437 0757) Screen on
Baker Street (071-935 2772).

\*\*TRANCE AND JOHNNY [15]:
 \*\*Short-order cook (Al Pacino) course a wary waitness (Michelle Pteiffer).
 Synthetic adaptation of Terrenal McNafy's pisy, Director, Garry Marshell.
 \*Barbican (071-638 8891) Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-487 9989) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Whiseleys (071-732 3332).

HORS LA VIE (15): Mesterly account of a French hostage's #e in the turnoli of Beirut Sterring Hippolyte Girardot; director, Maroun Begdadi.

Tate Getlery, Milbank, London SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.30pm Sun, 2-5.30pm, until May 10. MAX KILLINGSE: One of the most famous 19th-century sets of prints is Klinger's Ein Handschub. Femous nunger a ten representative remotes partly for its unbelievably early data (1878-80), when it looks exactly like one of Surregism's more worked out tian fantesies, and pertly bed

of its inherent quality, it embodies Kinger's own strate/neurotic fantasie in the increasingly biquire story of a glove lost and lound and lost again, A mrs chance to see tine impreall 10 stchings. Wildenstein, 147 New Bond Street, London W1 (071-629 0602). Mon-Fri, -5.30cm, until Merch 18.

SWAN LAKE: Northern Bellet Theatre SWAN LAKE: Northern Bellet Theatre begins a nationwide tour of Christopher Gable's retelling of the Swan Lake story, choreographed by American Dennis Weyne and designed by Laz Brotherston, Favoured more by the audience than by our critic at its Leeds pranjers, the bellet is a disappointing follow-up to Gable's hit version of Roman and Autor tast season. Grand Theatre, 25 Church Street, Blackpool (0253 28372), 7.30pm.

Blackpool (1253 28372), 7.30pm,
RAMBERT DANCE COMPANY: The company arrives in Centerbury this week performing two aboad programmes of works including the group's latest acquisition; dencer Mark Baldwin's first work, island to Media, premiered by the company last November, and a revival of Wiching, the 1984 work by artistic director Richard Alston, notable for Richard Smith's spectacular set design of huge, descending, revolving kites.

Maricove Theatre, The Friers, Canterbury (0227 767246), 7.30pm,

☐ A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two pianists in Blowble tribute to Cele Poster's wit and wry melodies. Youcavitie. The Strand, WC2 (U71-838 9987). Mon-Fri, Sprin, Sat, 8,30pm, mats Wed, 2,30pm, Sat, 5,30pm, 140mite.

Proutledge and Altin Bernett excellen three of his monologues charting the unconscious humaur and pain of desciate fives. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Set, Spin, meta Wed, 3pm, 8st, 4pm, 150mins.

A TRESUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS: Lively parade of tureful oldles, Good fun. Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-807 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8, 15pm, PM, Set, 6,15pm and Spm, 120mins.

WALFURGIS NIGHT: Feeding El yALP-DYGES NOGHT; Paccharing look at the and death in a Sound psychiatric hospital by V. Erofeyev, a former inmate. Snop Wilson translates. Gette, Prince Albert Pub., 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706), Mon-Set, 7.30pm. 160mins.

7.50pm. 160mins.

LONG RUHINEHIS: 

Aspects of Lover Prince of Wakes (171-559 5772).

Blood Brothers: Phoenix (171-559 5772).

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JFK (15): OF W STORM'S contentious, electrifying, three-hour drams about the Kennedy

essastination. Kevin Costmer as orusacting D.A. Jim Gentison; a busting supporting cast.
Carrieors: Parkway (071-287 7034)
Carrieors: Fulham Road (071-370 2836; Bratisabury Avenue (071-836 8861) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6708) Pages (071-878 2836) Storage on the Green (071-828 3836) Whiteleys (071-732 1832). LITTLE MAN TATE (PG): How and how not to rear a child prodigy. An engaging young player (Adem Hann-Byrd) and sensible direction (Jodie Poster) seeily offset the facile Recentle.

Proments. Odeon Kensington (0428 \$14666) Writinaaya (071-752 \$152), PATF-RAFF (15): Welcome return of Ken Loach's mervellous, scrufty "ellou of file" portrait of a building-site crew; voted "Europeen Film of the Year". Premiere (071-439 4470).

BNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS (U): Dismey's first full-length Cartoon (1937). Overly cute at times, but atil a treat (a children and the our attract for children and the young at hourt. Compone Crossas (971-382 50m) Haymarket (971-859 31927) Oxford Street (971-836 8319) Addis Trocadero (971-834 831) Odeons: Kensington (9428 914685) Mazzani (9428 915883) Whiteleys (971-792 3332).

URGA (PG): Nikita Mikhelikov's inesmetaing film about civilisation encreaching on the Mongolian steppes. The top prizewinner at last year's Venice Film Festival.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865). LES VALSEUSES (18); Gérard Depardieu and Patrick Dewaare in 11 es two lads with idle hands. Timely revival of Bertrand Bier's teroclous,

Rank-and-file performers

DAKE Birthday The Place

LEA ANDERSON'S new piece, Birthday, which ends its London run on Saturday, brings together both her groups, the all-female Cholmondeleys and the all-male Featherstonehaughs. They perform in her usual vernacular language, mixing real gestures, such as a hand stroking hair, and invented ones that have no recognisable func-

For Birthday — which goes on national tour after its Place season the inspiration includes the activities of hairdressers and wrestlers. I'm not sure that Anderson's observations are always as probing as her supporters. make out, although it's true that." when divorced from their proper context, they can seem unsettlingly

You can forget about grace the effect is jerky, with the men in particular given awkward shamblings that would make Frankenstein's monster look like

All this would be acceptable, but for the anaemic eking out of each section and its movement. At times hardly anything happens: a thinness accentuated by the disconcerting simplicity of the stage patterns. Anderson is an obsessively tidy choreographer.

Nowhere else will you see such rigid lines and blocks performing in totali-tarian unison. The phrases are set boringly square on the unmissable beat of the music by her regular collaborator, Steve Blake, Abruptly rhythmic, it sometimes changes speed or features a prominent saxophone or electric organ; but otherwise it sounds the same from beginning to end. The structure, nevertheless, has a

rapidly as you can say Cholmondeley. The dancers successively wear towel-ling robes, party clothes and petticoats - garments linked with the

Square dancing: the all-female Cholmondeleys supported by the all-male Featherstonehaughs

liveliness, with one item following another and costumes changing as pretext of a birthday and its preparations (although I'm not sure where the divers' suits come in).

All these costumes are worn more

than once, as though the dramatic progression has been cut up and its segments re-assembled haphazardly. Marisa Zanotti, the birthday girl. watches the dancing or receives presents which she throws away in

Some of the lokes are mildly amusing. But only the end of the piece manages to be really impressive, with

the dancers posing in poetically absurd photographic groups such as the one in which Zanotti appeared to be levitating. Then as a finale came mad party dancing. Suddenly the grim unison lines were freed and choreographic complexity glim-

NADINE MEISNER

MICHAEL POWELL

# **Bright and** brittle

Festival Hall

LPO/Rattle

IN A second concert with the London Philharmonic Orchestra, Simon Rattle was joined by his wife, the soprano Elise Ross, to highlight two works in an imaginatively balanced pro-gramme. The singer had committed to memory the Polish text of the Five Poems by Witold Lutoslawski, and while ignorance of that tongue precludes direct response to the words the sensibility of the vocal line could

not be denied. An instrumental ensemble confined to 21 strings with harps, piano and percussion is used mainly in relatively early work (1958), suffusing a matching set of ministure soundscapes on which the voice traces impressions of the sea, wind, church bells and so on. The writing takes the voice low for a soprano range, but sounded no obstacle here in the often metrical vocal phrasing.

Rather more colour would have

NOW this is a tricky one. We have a

potential problem here requiring

careful wording, so might as well get

it clear at the start: the cab company

which is contracted to provide mem-

bers of The Times staff with a link to

the wider world beyond Wapping is in

all respects excellent, punctual, polite, knows its London like the back of the

proverbial hand and offers not a trace

of support for the view that minicab

drivers are dole swindlers and drug

But it cannot be denied that there

are dotted about, especially dotted about London, cab drivers who turn

up in battered Sierras with furry stuff

Stuck all over the dashboard and but a single question on their lips — "Any

idea where it is, guv?" - when asked to tackle the complicated journey

from, say, Hyde Park Corner to the

Savoy Hotel. Some of the more

experienced will say "Is that the Savoy

in Piccadilly?" to which you reply,

"No, the one in the Strand" so that he

BEST PLAY

couriers. Clear? Good.

been welcome in the singing, as also in the emotional character and admirably pitched flexibility the singer brought to the heroine's feelings in Berg's Three Scenes from Wozzeck: She nevertheless expressed more assurance than the orchestral playing had to offer, controlled as it was with skilful purpose but somehow never quite making the layered instrumental lines cohere to either broad or subtle effect.

In the opening Prelude from Janacek's House of the Dead, for which the conductor has such evident enthusiasm, the playing sounded like that of an orchestra in some sort of transition, bright and brittle by turns, the strands often clear and sharply drawn but not as fully integrated and responsive as they were in the performance of the Second Symphony by Sibelius which followed

Here Rattle's impetuous drive from the outset knocked several minutes off the average time it takes, imparting astrange sense of anxiety to the symphonic quest as a whole, and substituting agitation for the touch of mystery in the slower second move ment while pointing the links back to Tchaikovsky. After a hectic scherzo the moderato marking for the finale was largely ignored in reaching a hard-driven ending the orchestral strings could barely sustain.

NOEL GOODWIN quite as extreme: the pianissimo

# Authentic allegro

CONCERT

Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra/Koopman St John's, Smith Square

WHEN the period-style movement was in its infancy, the energy which characterises most revolutions engineered some frantic performances. Now that the dust has settled and historically aware performances have become the norm in Classical as well as pre-Classical music, most interpreters have mellowed a degree or

two. Not Ton Koopman. These were certainly (sad pechaps inevitably, with only four first violins) a few rough edges in the Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra's performance of the two Haydn "Paris" symphonies which formed the backbone of the programme. In compensation. Koopman commanded an unusually large palette of vivid colours. Few other conductors, whatever the size of their orchestras, can have made the dynamic contrasts in the Andante of the Symphony No 83, "La Poule",

shrank to very nearly nothing, and the subsequent fortissimo came on us like a sudden burst of light.

Similarly the onomatopoeic cluckings in the first movement were almost vulgarly highlighted. Yet both this work and the Symphony No 85. "La Reine", contain serious symphonic argument and subtle elegances as well as infectiously effervescent music. Koopman, always eager to entertain his audience, missed something of the intellectual and spiritual sides of this music, even in the more reflective slow

movements. We also heard two concertos. Marc Vallon, in Mozart's Bassoon Concerto, K191, gave a reading of great poise and suavity, becoming an excellent ambassador not only for his own instrument but for the entire, fine-wind-section in which the superbly confident horns must be

Then Koopman himself played Haydn's D major Harpsichord Concerto, the one with an infectious Rondo all'ungarese for a finale. Again he attacked the music full tilt and with sometimes venomous force (when he plays you always hear a dull thud as the keys hit their lowest point); but even if there were many inaccuracies, you could not help responding in the end to the sheer enthusiasm.

STEPHEN PETTITT

# **Fare deal for women**

White Wales Rides BBC 1 Men Behaving Badly ITV

can say "Oh, yeah, that Savoy". One or two of these appear to have been recruited for Rides, the new BBC 1 series which started last night. Any successful series on television requires what are known as sympathetic characters so this is a brave venture, there being difficulties attached to persuading your average punter to be sympathetic towards cab drivers. In the pursuit of sympathy. Casualty is safer territory.

Rides, though, may well have achieved the trick. Attractive middle-aged female army officer (the ex-cellent Jill Baker) leaves the service after 22 years and decides to set up a minicab firm. First episode: recrultment of drivers. Not easy (in a recession?]. Let it pass. Several women join up, including an out-of-work across and an Asian girl fleeing a putative arranged marriage. Also several men, one of whom brings in a lucrative courier run to Heathrow, which is short-lived on account of the fact that the packages contain drugs.

Others among the men have a habit of going sick or simply not turning up, whereas of course all the women are on time and diligent in every other way. You can see what is coming and by the end of episode one the all-girl minicab company is born. Well, yes, I

think women do tend to be more reliable than men so this crossing of yet another television junction, the one sign-posted "feminist minicab series". is by no means as jarring as might be thought. But can they find the Savoy?

The male of the species is getting his Tuesday night moment in a new series called Men Behaving Badly, on ITV, which may become the comedy hit of the season. It stars Harry Enfield and Martin Clunes, the former sharing a flat owned by the latter, and mostly lives on some very decent one-liners having to do with the acquiring, keeping, losing and dumping of women. Not much sign of the new man

here, with women being talked about as if they were high mileage cars: "I've been going out with her for two years, she's worn out." These two guys had better stay out of certain minicabs.

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# All the world's a stage, at a price

Kenneth Rea reports on the actors and directors who must be prepared to subsidise or underwrite their own stage shows

known London fringe theatre invited me to direct a play for them. This seemed an attractive proposition, until it emerged that neither I nor the cast would be paid anything.
Balancing altruism, egoism and
my own financial state. I rapidly
concluded that I could not afford it and we parted amicably. But where I feared to tread, others were more than happy to rush in; in fact the British theatre is virtually built on a hidden covenant whereby the workers subsidise the profession.

Examples abound of prominent actors working for a pintance in order to play exciting roles. When Deborah Warner's award-winning Royal Shakespeare Company production of Electra was revived recently at the Riverside Studios, people were turned away every night, yet Fiona Shaw and her actors drew £180 a week.

While a new television series of Van der Valk makes him a household name, Barry Foster is nightly giving a bravura performance in The Gigli Concert at the Almeida. for £165 a week. After a five-week sell-out season at the Gate Theatre of Katie Mitchell's acclaimed production of The Women of Troy, the actors and director were each handed nothing except £69 to wards their expenses.

Now if a group of master builders decided to construct a house, without pay, we might think they were touched by sainthood or lunacy. Yet when actors and directors exploit themselves by working for little or nothing, we accept that those are the ways of the theatre.

THE PARTIES

This is nothing new, of course. Actors have been subsidising the profession for centuries. But despite the advent of state funding, the Thespian's lot has not got much better. The current Equity minimum wage for actors in repertory theatres is a mere £147, and that is for doing eight performances a week, plus rehearsals. Compare the average weekly wage of £236 for manual workers and £312 for nonmanual workers. Even the West End minimum is only £210, though most leading actors will be earning well above that. On top of this is the fact that under a new law, young actors are taxed as

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him a fortune, or at least

from Love Story, the book

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philosophy. Now, with the

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(Hutchinson, £14.99), he is

still more excited by the prospect of writing a new piece on Latin literature.

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God's ears," he says when I raise the subject of those

rights in his Hampstead

home. He lives in Britain

because he married a British

woman and is the father of two British daughters. "Be-

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"Certainly not," he says, but

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few months ago a well- PAYE and can claim no expenses, which means that, when they are paying an agent's fee of between 12 to 15 per cent, and working away from home, some of them actually experience a loss.

While it is true that a handful of actors have become rich (one or two have earned £30,000 a week in West End musicals) hardly anyone is in the theatre for the money. At the last count, half of Equity's 46,000 membership earned no more than £5,000 a year. And at any time about 80 per cent of those members will be out of work. It is the competitiveness that helps keep

wages down.

Little wonder that the morale in the profession is so low. How does it feel having to persuade a star

The Equity minimum in repertory theatres is £147 for eight performances a week, plus rehearsals'

actor to work for £165? "You don't have to persuade them. That's the awful thing about it," says the Almeida's joint-artistic director, Ian McDlarmid. "Unfortunately it's what actors expect to be paid in a situation such as ours. It's awful. Of course I wish I could afford to pay them properly, but we are spectacularly underfunded. On the other hand we know it's the only way, given the present economic climate, to do the kind of work we do, so we put up with it."

Foster, who has been at the Almeida for five months in The Gigli Concert, explains: "Doing Tom Murphy's play at the Almeida is nothing to do with money. Because of other work in television and films I'm able to live for five months on money which my daughters, who are in the same

business, couldn't possibly afford

Foster, "to do the kind of work you want to do you have to be willing to subsidise the theatre with more grandly financed work."

Even the National Theatre is bound by cost-cutting that makes it reliant on the kindness of those who work there. Top photogra-phers take production photos for a third the rate they charge for West End shows. One star actor claims he can earn more in a couple of hours of voice-overs than in a couple of months at the National. And last year 650 missioned play scripts arrived. All were read but none reached the stage ().

Paradoxically, some of the most adventurous theatres are now the ones with the least money. Because they have little to lose they can take risks that are beyond the means of the more lavishly funded theatres. The 60-seat Gate Theatre is repeatedly praised and showered with awards, yet its director Stephen Daldry runs the operation on a frayed shoestring, paying himself and two others £110 a week. forsaking marketing and putting what money there is onto the stage. Even then he cannot afford to pay the actors. But he did mount 16 new productions last year, an output that was eclipsed only by the RSC and the National.

It is unlikely, however, that the Gate will ever be funded to do the job properly. "The Gate is a minute theatre but a huge organisation,' says Daldry. "At one point a couple of months ago we had 54 actors in three shows. To be able to fund the Gate and pay all those people a living wage would cost hundreds of thousands of pounds. We constantly apply for funding but the Arts Council says it can't afford to take on any more revenue clients, no matter how good you are."

But without the Gate "exploiting" everyone, the public would not have the chance to discover forgotten classics such as Tirso de Molina's Damned for Despair and actors would not get the opportunity to play in them. That is why those lucky enough to get it happily regard work in television or commercials as a way of subsidis-ing a stretch on the fringe. Another



Bravura work on a budget: Barry Foster is starring in The Gigli Concert, for £165 a week

reason is that a showcase in London is a good career invest-ment. It has earned Daldry his next iob as artistic director of the Royal Court and has made Katie Mitchell

ut the cost of mounting a production, even in a pub theatre, is daunting. Ex-RSC actors Malcolm Freeman and Graham Watts have just set up a new company. Trampoline Productions, and their first show, an unknown Jacobean piay called A Woman is a Weathercock, opens at the tiny Pentameters Theatre in north London tonight. The enterprise has cost them nearly £10,000 and that is without paying How can they do it? "We're on the dole," says Freeman, whose last job, apart from voice-overs, was in August. "If you're an actor you want to perform. And when the opportunity for something exciting comes along, you look at it very hard. Adverts may make thousands of pounds, but they don't

show up well on the CV."

When Gien Goel left the title role in the West End production of M Butterfly to form an Asian theatre company, Mu Lan, neither funders nor sponsors were interested. So he poured his savings into Mu Lan and kept the scale small. His latest production, Madame Mao's Memories, was a one-woman show featuring Tsai Chin. "Even then we had to appeal to the goodness of our families and friends for their financial support," says Goel. "Evenyone involved gave their services gratis. My company manager receives no salary. I pay his expenses from my own pocket and now my savings have run out."

Like it or not, theatre is the living proof of Darwin's theories: the companies you see are the survivors. As Stephen Daldry says, "if we all started organising our lives around the money available, I think we'd stop dreaming. You have to have the ability to say it's not about the money.'

Glen Goei has just received some Arts Council funding and is busy planning his next production. Malcolm Freeman is confident that he will raise his £10,000. And when he advertised for actors to work without pay, there were 700 applicants. Somehow, the show goes on. **ARTS BRIEF** 

# **Stepped** short

ENGLISH National Ballet has announced a shorter London season this summer. cutting its annual Coliseum appearance from two weeks to one, following the poor box-office returns recorded last year. But there is still plenty of new work on offer when the season opens on June 23. There will be the world premiere of a work from the Danish-born choreographer Kim Brandstrup, two works by the American David Parsons receiving their British premieres (The Envelope and Sleep Studies), and Ben Stevenson's L getting a company premiere.

#### Dane's gain

THE National Film and Television School at Beaconsfield has crossed the North Sea in its search for a director to replace the retiring Colin Young. The successful candi-date is Henning Camre, aged 53. director of the Danish Film School since 1975 and chairman of the Danish State Film Studio. Camre's former students include Bille August, director of the Oscar-winning Pelle the Conquerer, Camre trained as a cameraman.

#### Last chance...

IMAGINE Kate Bush manaded to a piano, and you will get an idea of the warbling and writhing that American singer-songwriter Tori Amos goes in for. Armed with a venomous turn of phrase, Amos takes relish in essaying the anger and pain of a woman not to be trifled with. Despite a four-week run in the Top 20, her estimable album, Little Earthquakes, has yet to produce a hit single. Amos is at the Norwich Arts Centre (0603 660352) tonight: Spring Street Theatre, Hull (0482 23638) tomor-row; and Sheffield University (0742 724076) on Friday.

> TOMORROW IN LIFE & TIMES

Streisand in full flow: Geoff Brown reviews The Prince of Tides and the other new films

Erich Segal, whose new novel is published tomorrow, talks to Michael Freedland rich Segal would dear-

#### ly love to be rememon Plato. Instead, this former professor of classics at Yale is likely to go to his grave with author revealed these words as his memorial: "Love means never having to but not exposed Colning the phrase made



Erich Segal: "I am a perpetual scholar"

the "definitive" study of Cae-sar Augustus), worked for the Peace Corps, picked up three enough to make me sell out. I ducing a best-seller. I am not Emmy nominations, lectured in Tokyo and Tel Aviv, at Johns Hopkins and in Ham-burg. He sometimes writes in German, and a shelf of his study is taken up with 80 row from a library. I am a volumes of German classical This 54-year-old native of dictionary, which he says Brooklyn has had plenty of scholars envy more than any-

time to adjust to his current In his novels, Segal likes to situation since he took the think he holds nothing back. chance to supplement the \$3,000 he earned as a Yale For the same reason that he eschewed for his "pop" books lecturer to write the screenthe notion of the pseudonym play for the Beatles film that other academics might Yellow Submarine in the Sixties. Love Story followed have required, he is happier soon after. He was still teachthan most to bare his soul. It is quite easy to believe that he ing at Yale and still producing articles such as "The himself does reveal all, if at Comedy of Plautus" and winthe speed of his own choosning a Guggenheim Fellowing. His books, even the bestsellers, are by way of being a ship in-between. personal striptease.

In the intervening years, he "I have never revealed has written more than 100 more of myself than in this new book," he says, although scholarly articles and five non-fiction books (including

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he denies it is entirely autobiographical. In fact, Segal, the son of a rabbi, writes in Acts of Faith about ... the son of a rabbi. [He also writes about a daughter of a rabbi who becomes one herself, and about a boy called Tim Hogan who beats up little Jews, breaks their windows and later becomes a Catholic priest.) His rabbis talk the way he remembers rabbis talked. Sometimes, his priests

"I can remember several times during my Brooklyn childhood when I was beaten up by the likes of Tim Hogan as I walked to my Hebrew school," he says. "I never really understood why the mere sight of me in my skullcap aroused such rage." His own parents were a profound influence on him-

His father died when he was 52 years old, "weighing 180 pounds", which is one reason for the son's own gym and swimming pool and why he has a man who comes to work out with him every day. Ask which is the trophy he is proudest of — certificates for his doctorates and literary awards and the Emmy nominations, along with a photograph of Ryan O'Neal, Ali MacGraw, and the director Arthur Hiller from Love Story sent to him on his fiftieth birthday, cover the walls of his study - and he will point to the statuette which shows

ing him for the London-Brighton marathon of 1963: But it isn't just in this negative physical sense that he is strongly influenced by his father. The older Segai wanted Erich to be a rabbi-like himself. Instead, the younger man chose a secular life away from religion. Now that is in his past, along with his father. He has become something of a Born-Again Jew: "a rabbi manque, almost", as he puts it. I note the

he won a 33-mile race qualify

uses in our conversation. He says he was born "with a golden chain around my soul. As far as the horizon of our memories, every generation in my family had pro-duced a rabbi. And then I broke the chain and probably my father's heart. This breach of faith has haumed me. I do feel guilty about that. I hope that Acts of Faith is a kind of act of restitution."

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His mother was one of the hostages captured by Idi Amin at Entebbe and later rescued by the Israelis. "That event has affected practically everything I have done and written since. It made me write more passionately."

Segal works hard, helped by fax machines and computers, one giving him, on a single disc, access to the entire Oxford English Dictionary and another containing every word in the Greek language. He gets up at four o'clock in the morning and plays Bach on his miniature piano. "I play very badly, but fortunately I make my living doing other things. But there was a time when I fancied a musical career, so this is by way of repentance for not doing it."

But there are still other things to do. Segal appreciares all the things his money has brought him, yet he still has the ambitions of a 20year-old. And he adds: "The only thing I still haven't got is a genuine literary reputation. I may never get it, just as I never got a real athletic reputation. I won't get that now but I can still try for the literary socials. I am a tryer."

But he feels guilty about the success he has had. "I don't feel bad when people read a classical book of mine because I know the work that has gone into it and I feel that I have contributed to their understanding. But I certainly have not contributed through my novels to the advancement of civilisation: I'd like to write things of more import. I do think thar Acts of Faith is a plunge in that

# Orderly salutes to the fallen

Richard Cork on the recent work of artist Tony Carter, influenced by the war in the Gulf

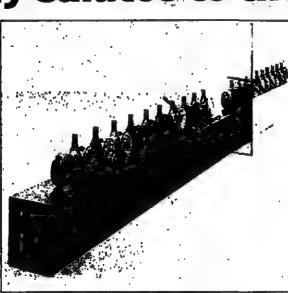
T nlike the fiery John Keans whose server Keane, whose provoc-ative paintings of the Gulf war ignited such bitter controversy recently, Tony Carter views the same subject with meditative deliberation. From October 1990 until the following summer. Carrer was the Henry Moore Artist Fellow at Kettle's Yard and Christ's College, Cambridge. He became preoccupied with the struggle for Kuwait, and everything produced during his Cambridge residency is overshadowed by an elegiac awareness of lost lives.

Carter's Gulf-related sculptures and reliefs, on display at the Imperial War Museum, could hardly be further removed from Keane's paint-ings. Where Keane hits out with a red-hot impulsiveness stemming from first-hand experience of the conflict the home-based Carter prefers cool, orderly contemplation. But his pared-down rigour should not be mistaken for emotional detachment.

Carter has always responded to chance encounters with found objects, often of the most mundane kind. He tries to transform their meaning by juxtaposing and incorpo-rating them in impeccably presented, often unpredictable clusters of disparate elements.

The object which became the catalyst for his involvement with the Gulf was a water canteen, emblazoned with a red, white and blue striped cover. The unexpected colours seemed to make the container heavy with inescapable references to the desert war. From the outset, though, Carter realised that the canteen's nourishing function was under threat.

In the first work he made with this intriguing form, the water-carrier hangs posed between life and death. Suspended from a nail on a minimalist painting divided equally into vertical areas of black and white, the canteen is positioned on the borderline between these two extremes. Its stopper dangles from a chain, implying that the water has been consumed. But a glass bead enclosing a trapped air-bubble is attached to the stopper,



LONDON GALLERIES

Monumental work of life-death polarity: Tony Carter's American Dream, at the Imperial War Museum

like a final elongated drop waiting to fall. Once it has gone, Carter implies, all further hope of sustaining life vanishes as well. This preoccupation with

fragility runs through the entire show, lending a welcome tension to works which, as in Carter's non-Gulf show at the Anthony Reynolds Gallery, might otherwise remain becalmed in an arid stillness. American Dream, a monumental piece occupying a room of its own at the Imperial War Museum,

transfers the life-death polarity from the wall to the floor. On a long plinth divided in the centre by an upright bronze sheet, more canteens alternate with wine bottles. Most of the striped covers remain intact on one side of the sheet, where the bottles still contain red or white

On the other side, however, all but one of the canteens are bronze casts, stripped of the colours which once gave them a martial vitality. The accom-panying bottles are uncorked and empty, reinforcing the idea that their passage through the bronze sheet was

akin to death by fire.

Carter's decision to retain one striped canteen among all these drained vessels only accentuates their melancholy. They look scorched and useless, and an abandoned hand-torch emphasises the ominous absence of the man who must once have held it.

The same props are re-assembled in a single cluster for American Dream/Arabian Knight, but this time they are dwarfed by a large painting of white stars on a black ground. Displayed on the wall above, it reduces them to the level of tassles hanging from the edge of a stage curtain. The immensity of the nocturnal sky seems to reduce the significance of the drama played out by the cast

of vessels on the stage beneath, and the stars spatterthe dark with an apparently

festive abandon.

After a time, though, the prevailing blackness of the painting becomes oppressive. It encourages us to remember that many of these vibrant points of light derive from celestial bodies which died a

long time ago. The only work which offers redemption in this predomi-nantly mournful survey centres on two framed photographs of paintings owned by the National Gallery. Both contain images of the Chris-tian Church's symbolic shep-herd's crook, held in one panel by St Nicholas as he brings three awed boys back from the dead. Between the photographs. Carter has installed a crook of his own. Leaning against the wall, it consists mainly of a Perspect

tube filled with red wine. Divorced from the familiar context of a bottle, the liquid comes to resemble blood instead. But any threat of spillage is countered, here, by the stopper placed in the top: un ingenious combination of a .303 builet, a sharpened steel bar and a brass knifeblade bent in a tender curve to echo the apex of the Saint's crook. Weapons have been incorporated in this remarkable object only to be robbed of their aggression, like the Ger-man Mauser rifle-butt which Gaudier-Brzeska carved into a gentler image just before he died in the first world war.

Carter provides a show which demonstrates how an awareness of war can deepen an artist's work, giving its austerity the eloquence of a

 The exhibition continues at the Imperial War Museum (071-416 5000) until March 15. Tony Carter's other show is at the Anthony Reynolds Gallery (071-491 0621) until February 29.



MANWATCHING

# I think, he knows, so who wins?

Stephanie Calman argues for a little give and take in disputes between the sexes

couple who I know enjoy a good argument. At one point the subject turned to alternative health care. He said that people who presume to treat serious medical conditions with regard to emotional factors are either misguided or dishonest. I said I believed that many physical ailments have an emotional basis. and therefore respond to a therapeutic approach. He dismissed this. But, I said, I know people whose conditions have been alleviated or even cured in this way.
"You can't measure it." he

rejoined. "Anyway, that's anecdotal evidence. It doesn't count." It seems to me that the way in which human experience is inter-

preted is precisely 'Surely one ing fun in the first place. But that is to get a kick out of arguing for its own can merely sake. Why should its purpose be, as flex the verbal one male friend of mine insists, to "bring the other muscles person round to without point of view"? That motive having to implies success and failure, a winner and a loser. throw a Surely one can merely flex the verpunch? bal muscles without having to

throw a punch? It's a dinner table chat; it's not Newsnight. Yet many men approach an argument with almost military defensiveness.

This is only anecdotal, naturally, but on a visit to friends who had lived in Saudi Arabia, I joined in a discussion about the death penalty for adultery there. My friend's boss, an old Saudi hand, stated that the law was the law, plain and simple. I ventured that I thought execution for sleeping with the wrong person a bit harsh. That, he said, was not the point. Well, OK, I said: what if it was his wife?

"You're reacting emotionally," he said, and pronounced the debate closed.

I wish I could have heard the conversation between him and his wife on their way home. If sex and death aren't personal, what are

Men arguing with each other is not a problem. Two or more men can spend hours constructing a verbal edifice out of certainties no more solid than the patterns on their ties. A disagreement can even form part of an underlying pact: not to spoil the posturing by introducing anything so mundane

In the face of opposition which threatens the foundations of the edifice, men tell women that their

ecently I had dinner with a ideas are irrelevant. These are facts; that's only your opinion. Thus do men discount women's experience and opinions in de-

> That I have observed this far more often in people's homes than on radio or television is, I suspect. another victory of style over content. The prevailing approach on many discussion programmes is adversarial but favours what is no doubt imagined to be an "objective" treatment. It is a rare producer who places the health minister opposite an NHS patient. At home, over the food and wine, the gloves really come off.

Since the matter under discussion is almost always open to interpretation, one view should be as good as another.

quently find them-selves marginalised. A thesis prefaced. "I think..." just doesn't have the same resonance of authority as: "It This gives the impression objectivity, no matter how irrational the notion. How much impressive, for

example, to be the bearer of "well known fact", rather than merely the experience of people you know.
In a classic of the genre the other day, a fellow writer extrapolated from one remark by one artistic director the "fact" that the entire theatrical establishment is prejudiced against plays written by

more

The examples I came up with to counter this - Friel, Pinter, Ayckbourn — were all dismissed as exceptions. I couldn't help think-ing afterwards that if he had revealed the origins of grievance, and shared his own experience, is might have been a more interest-

ing afternoon.
I listened to a man and a woman I know advancing the pros and cons of cohabitation versus marriage. She favoured the former. He

was against. But you live with frour girlfriend) now," she said finally. "You're personalising it," he

said, and completed his exposition by leaving the room.

A male colleague tells me the trouble with women is that they always want to discuss the

relationship just when you're going to sleep. Who said anything about relationships? "Oh, it's all about that really," he said.

"You're reacting emotionally." I told him, and hung up.

A British woman in Romania found a horrifying fate awaiting healthy orphans. Ray Clancy reports



Bright eyes, dark future: Sophie Thurnham with a boy at the refurbished orphanage in Ionaseni, 50 miles away from Podriga where, aged 18, he may be forced to go

# Rotting in Romania

n the day that Sophie Thurnham, a 24-year-old British woman, arrived at the remote Podriga state hospital in the north of Romania last November, the sun was shining but it was bitterly cold. The hospital for the mentally and physically disabled, a former nobleman's house, looked majes-tic. Its turrets and stone pillars hid scraps of human misery.

One of the first things Miss

Thurnham saw was a dead man lying, unattended, on a bed surrounded by half naked patients.

That image prompted her to begin the task of bringing some

sort of normality to the stinking, lice infested hospital where 86 people existed rather than lived. She persuaded the staff at Podriga to allow her, and the two aid workers who arrived with her, to clean up the hospital. "They didn't mind us cleaning out the drains and washing people because it was work that they never did anyway. The staff sat in

one room watching television and drinking coffee." she says. After the first day she just kept going back and was tolerated rather than welcomed. The conditions were inhuman. "The beds were sodden. We decided to start by washing everything with disinfectant then we discovered that there was no running water."

Miss Thurnham's route to Podriga was an unusual one. After graduating in law from London University she took a year off to travel. She had already trekked across Europe with her donkey Hannibal following in the footsteps of the Carthaginian general and was on her way back to

Britain when she heard about conditions in Romania. She turned around and set off for Romania with Hannibal.

Trekking through Transylvania, and learning Romanian on the way, she arrived in the summer of 1990 at lonaseni orphanage about 50 miles from Podriga, close to the border with Moldavia. Conditions had been deplorable at the orphanage until aid arrived from the West. Now the children sleep in neat rows of bunk beds,

paint pictures, make candles and learn to read and write. When Miss Thurnham heard that at the age of 18 the Ionaseni children were sent to the hospital at Podriga, rumoured to be in an even worse state than some orphanages had been, she was horrified. She had seen her adopted handicapped brother Stevie, now aged 17, enjoy life with a family. "I was brought up to believe that everyone has the right to a decent life," she says. "I just could not sit back and see these children sent to an institution where they would be mistreated." She arrived arrived in Podriga

to find "one cook, one fire lit and in an outhouse that was being used as a dormitory," she says.
"The temperature was well below freezing and the people were half We had spent a year creating a

safe haven at Ionaseni. I wondered what was the point of working so hard building a decent environment if they were to be thrown back into the rags and filth of

Podriga."
She found herself up against unhelpful bureaucracy, corruption and theft. At Podriga clothes and food sent from the West are routinely stolen by staff or people close to them. I tems are sold on the blackmarket or consumed at

The man in charge at Podriga locks all food away in his store-room. "When Wandsworth prison sent boxes of oranges and jars of peanut butter and lemon curd they were immediately put in the locked. storeroom. The next day I asked for the oranges so that I could share them out but was met with blank looks and "What oranges?". With her usual determination

Miss Thumham pushed into the storeroom and brought out the oranges. "There was sheer delight on their faces. It was wonderful."

he had identified one of the main problems pre-venting reform in hospi-tals in Romania — lack of motivation by the staff. Romania has never had a teaching hospital for nurses. Only those women who could do nothing else were forced by the regime to become nurses with only basic training.

Changes have been forthcoming Thurnham's organisational abilities and to the skills of her two companions, nurses Collette Hughes from Belfast and Maureen Bonar from Edinburgh. The patients are now in peat dormitories and Miss Thurnham hand stiched curtains to brighten the rooms. "We were sent tins of cream paint but the authorities would not let us paint the walls because they said all hospital walls should be white. That was a joke because the walls were already a

dirty brown colour because of the filth." There is still no running water.

The stench of human urine is only cancelled out by the smell of human excrement. The problem of the lack of water could be solved relatively simply. Miss Thurnham has continously lobbied the local health department in Botosani who promised to investigate the chances of bringing running water to Podriga. "They commissioned a survey of the most expensive project imaginable that involved sinking wells at the cost of £15,000. We pointed out that all that was needed was a simple problem to being mains water. pipeline to bring mains water seven kilometres from Saveni. The problem is exacerbated because they think that the West should pay for everything. They draw up a costly plan and then challenge the West to pay."

She does not like her efforts being described as a one woman

crusade. She points out that without the help and commitment of the aid workers from the Romamian Project UK. Scottish branch. she would have been unable to help. Where she has excelled, however, is in bringing the conditions to the notice of the Romanian authorities. When her father, Peter Thurnham, Conservative MP for Bolton north east, visited Podriga she accompanied him to a meeting with the department of health where the health minister Mircea Majorescu said he had no money to improve conditions in hospitals. "It was so frustrating. He did not even know that Podriga existed." Miss Thurnham

says.

There is a spark of hope. One

official at the health department indicated that she was aware of the task facing Romania. "We have no social welfare system, no facilities for patients to be cared for in the community," said Diana Nistor-escu, the director general responsi-ble for health care. "The population at large would simply rather forget about psychiatric patients because these people are a source of discomfort." But plans have been drawn up for a nurses teaching college that includes a special course in psychiatric

nursing. Although there are now eight British aid workers at Podriga the Romanian workers continue to do as little as possible and the daily tasks take their toil. Not unnaturally, Miss Thurnham and her colleagues suffer from periodic bouts of depression, days when the work seems fruitless. "It is hard to keep going. Each evening as we finish work there is a chorus of enquiries as to whether or not we are coming back the next day, Miss Thurnham says. They live in a small apartment in Saveni that has no hot water but is luxury

compared with Podriga. "I don't think any of us return to normal life until things have changed here. Working at the orphanage showed me that drastic change was possible. I have given myself a deadline of October to return to Britain. If I have managed to get running water to Podriga I shall feel a certain sense

Anyone wishing to make a donation for Anyone missing to make a concition for improvements to Podriga should con-tact the Podriga Fund, Romanian Project UK, Scottish Branch, 14 Fred-erick Street, Edinburgh EH2 2HB.

# Labours of love, or maybe just a rip-off

Housework is done by women so men can have some kind of a social life, Selma James says. She wants the men to pay up

home as a place to remain. Women tend to see it work, more-lanely, as a place of work. Work, moreover, that is monotonous, lonely. hard, never-ending - and unpaid. It is this last aspect of domestic labour that most rankles with Selma James. Twenty years ago, she founded the Wages for Housework (WFH) campaign to do

something about this lack of pay. Ms James, who was born in Brooklyn in 1930 and came to England in 1955, first put forward her arguments for re-thinking the financial status of domestic chores in a pamphlet, "Women, the unions and work", at the 1972 National Women's Liberation Conference in Manchester. Next Friday she will address the 20th anniversary celebrations of the WFH campaign in London which will be attended by delegates from all over the world.

What, if anything, do they have to celebrate? "I can't say I think we have victory in sight but things are moving very quickly." she says. "We hear less of the 'what did you do all day? and I am just a housewife', although those attitudes are still around and young women have to be quite militant to hold on to what they refuse to do. I see a difference in young men but men generally have no idea how hard women work. They are bowled over when they find out.

"The housework we do — laundry, cleaning, shopping, preparing and cooking meals, caring for the ill and elderly, giving emotional support — all enables other people to do their jobs. A lot of the work wives do is really to make a



Seventies heaven: beats as it sweeps as it cleans

way for their husbands to have some kind of a social life. It is invisible work, but no less valuable

swing. The reason she emigrated to England was to marry been deported from the United States. Mr James died three years

Ms James's first feminist polem-

ic appeared as a free pamphlet, A Woman's Place, published in 1953 by Correspondence, an underground organisation based in New York. A Woman's Place developed into a regular column written under the pseudonyms Marie Brant and Ellen Santori, because the politically repressive McCarthy era was then in full C.L.R. James, the cricket writer, historian and Marxist, who had

ago.

The notion that it will be fairer.

and cheaper for the taxpayer, if men simply shared the burden of housework, is one Ms James dismisses with the indulgent smile of a 62-year-old grandmother who has learnt a thing or two about human nature. "Many women don't have a many the share the don't have a man to share the housework with in any case but the idea that men, out of the goodness of their hearts, are going to turn themselves into the slaves that we are is not a practical one. The ones who put that forward on the whole have au pairs, day cleaners or servants and are often feminists."

She has also learned a thing or two about feminists over the years and has decided that she is no longer one of them, "In 1971 1 called myself a feminist, but now l avoid the description because feminism has come to mean careerism at the expense of other women and other men. It has meant a few women getting good posts but feminists have not represented women. Feminism is a kind of competition for power in the popular mind with which I don't

want to be associated." There are, she says, two questions women always ask when confronted by the concept of wages for housework. Who will pay for it? and "Will we ever get it?" Her answers are "Trident" - she would syphon off the entire military budget to pay for unremuner-ated labour — and "Yes".

Her optimism springs from existing welfare provisions. "Child benefit and income support are forms of recognition that women working in the home have an entitlement to wages, even though it is not enough. Those benefits are



after you creep you walk, after you the housework hasn't."

S he does not though, have much faith in either of the main political parties, dismissing both the Labour party's proposed ministry for women and the government's burgeoning concern for "women's issues". The political right, she says, does not want to deal with the working woman really.

"I think every woman is a working woman," she says. "The right is ready to say the housewife. is just wonderful so it acknowledges some portion of the work she does - which is why in the past the full-time housewife has supported the Conservatives. That is now changing. But that is because the

creeping wages for housework and housewife has disappeared - but asked them: "Are you going to pay Wages for housework should not

be confined to women who stay at: home looking after children. Ms James says. Single women. because they earn so much less than men should get it too, she argues — as Misshould women whose children have grown up or who have no children. And she is not worried that men might demand housework wages as most

surveys show they hardly do any. Who would monitor how well or sloppily the housework is being done? Who, she counters, monitors doctors?

Ms James does some monitoring of her own. She recently wrote to British Gas to complain she had to wait for half an hour in Kilburn High Road, north London. She

me for the work. I did saving your employing someone behind the

counter?" They have replied assur-

ing her they will examine the point

she raises. Such small skirmishes leave Ms James with no sense of defeatism. A core of 30 women working at WFH's headquarters is enough, she insists, to "lift mountains". 'But it is still individual women rebelling in their individual homes who will make this campaign work. A lot of women let their sons and husbands iron their own shirts, or they buy drip-dry. All of this gets a message across. It alsostrikes a bit of terror into the hearts of men that you are just not

going to take it."

HEATHER KIRBY

### AND BRIERLY

### A feast, and no lie

A LUXURY holiday for two in Tokyo, a family break at EuroDisney and a seven day Mediterranean Cruise for two on the five-star Stella Solaris are up for auction at the George Washington Ball next Wednesday. The ball, which funds the George Washington Business Scholarship post-graduate grant enabling a young British executive to attend a school of business administration in the US - and the Evelyn Wrench Awards, will take place at The Dorchester Hotel in Park Lane, London WI, and costs £90 including champagne reception, dinner with wine, ball and entertainment. There are still some tickets left, and organisers are anxious for a full-house. Enquiries to Celie Parker at the English Speaking Union, Dartmouth House, 37 Charles Street, London WIX 8AB (071-493 3328).

### Affair offer

THE catering advice booklet "It's Your Affair!" is preparing to launch its 1992 edition. Although it targets the Jewish wedding and bar-mitzvah market, it sells itself with tongue in cheek: Two smart ladies meet in the street. "Beckie you're looking wonderful! What have you been up to?" "Well, Sadie, guess what! I'm having an affair." "An affair! Wonderful! Tell me who's doing the

catering?" The booklet carries advertisement for caterers, dress hire companies; cake-makers and toastmasters in the London area. Helping Hands Information Services, 7 Orchard Close, Elstree, Hertfordshire, WD6 3PR (081-953 8444) will happily send out

VICTORIA McKEE

# Trancing for beginners

Alice Thomson attends a hypnotherapy group session and, despite concentrating terribly hard, remains a sceptic

tephen Brooks is a new age hypnotist. He doesn't get women to strip off their clothes on stage, ask them to eat onions as though they were apples or tell people to look into his eyes. All he wants to do is

There are more than two thousand practising hypnotherapists in Britain claiming to use natural techniques to help people give up smoking, lose weight or conquer their phobias for the price of a thousand cigarettes. Mr Brooks teaches people how to do it for themselves and holds weekend self-hypnosis courses in London for members of the medical profession. Now he wants to bring hypnosis to the masses. He dreams of seeing his self-hypnosis course in every town in Britain by the year 2000.

Recently Mr Brooks held the first of his new courses at Stepping Hill hospital in Stockport, Greater Manchester. "We go into trances involuntarily every day but I am going to teach you how to control your mind travel," Mr Brooks says. "You will learn how to conquer stress, fear and pain and achieve your ambitions. You don't have to listen to anything I say, you One day you will look back and see

what you have achieved."
Mr Brooks has slicked-back hair, a healthy tan and a confident, soothing voice. The 40 people sitting in the canary-coloured room shuffle expectantly. Most of them have come with a problem. They have read the advertisement in Nursing Times, the British Medical Journal or the Manchester Evening News and have been willing to spend £111.62 for the course.

Vic. a retired schoolteacher, was a little deaf and worried that he wouldn't be able to hear. Joanne, a retired nurse, was concerned there might be side effects and we could all go mad. You will have eight psychotherapists, the cream of the country, to help you to achieve

your objectives. All my assistants and I want you to do is relax and

trust us." Mr Brooks says. The assistants comprise a selection of committed self-hypnotists who have all been trained on Mr Brooks's four-month weekend diploma course in integral therapy (hypnosis) and are now practising

private hypnotherapists.
Vic is sceptical, Mr Brooks brings him to the front and in a soporific voice he asks Vic to count to 20 with him and concentrate on a point on the ceiling. As Vic's head begins to nod, Mr Brooks says: "There are two words in your vocabulary that you are going to change, Vic. Every time you want to say But you will say And. Saying the word But will make you feel guilty, silly or strange Vic. Your life is going to change for the positive."

Coming out of the trance, Vic still feels he hasn't achieved anything. "I am wasting all your time. I have few friends and I feel very lonely," he says, still sounding negative (without the buts). Next it was Gill's turn. Gill, a teacher, kept dreaming of a limousine. The rest of the class began to go into a trance as we were told to focus first on objects in the room and then inside our heads. Once we thought we were in a trance we could introduce objectives that we wanted to achieve, like buying a

I still didn't feel I was achieving that higher state. "What do you want to do, levitate?" Mr Brooks says. By lunchtime Joanne was unconvinced. "He is like a car salesman, all chatter and nogoods," she says. Mario agrees.

Back in the classroom, Mr Brooks decides to take us all on holiday to a tropical island. I close

my eyes and fall asleep, weighed down more by the lunchtime spaghetti than by Mr Brooks' words and miss out on going down the hill and onto the beach where Mr Brooks tells everyone to put all their worries into a black cloud.



What do you most want to get out of your life? Stephen Brooks gives Alice Thornson some singular attention at the session in Stepping Hill hospital, Stockport

retired neurologist and now a hypnotist, usually works with sufferers of irritable bowel syndrome. He has to come on the course because he is so shy he finds it

hard to hypnotise people.

The doubters were then told a story to reassure us that we, too, could eventually find self-hypnosis. Mr Brooks told us about a man who wanted to have perfect sight again. He had got him to revert to childhood and the man's sight was restored, at least until he remembered he had been hypnotised. Like an evangelical prayer meet-ing every miracle cure story was confirmed by a chorus from his

We form into pairs. Bob, a and for the satisfaction I get from accommodate 100 people.

helping people to change their lives," Mr Brooks says during tea. He saw a hypnotist on television when he was 12 and "my parents said 'don't ever go near one of those people'. The next time I saw a hypnotist advertising in town I

crept into one of his shows and I was hooked." Eighteen years ago, aged 23. Mr Brooks became a pupil of an American named Milton

Erickson, a psychiatrist who had a hypnosis practice in America. "Hypnotherapy wasn't taken seri-ously in Britain when I started my practice, so ten years ago I set up a training course for people in the medical profession. They began to send their patients, so I decided to "Other therapists go into it looking for something in them-selves. I went into it for the money

Hoping for a revelation, I volunteered as a subject the next morning. Mr Brooks told me to relax and attempted to put me into a trance. Then he asked me to clench my fist and put all my determination and confidence into that hand. "You can't open that hand now, can you?" he says.

could. I was beginning to feel a complete failure. "Try and imagine what you want to achieve and keep telling yourself what you will do to achieve it," Mr Brooks says. I felt far too relaxed to give myself any suggestions. "Not to worry," Mr

Mr Brooks rarely practises on his wife. But recently, when she had morning sickness, he before work and she was fine, he says, until he came home in the evening. He never gets tired or stressful even when he spent 22 consecutive weekends teaching self-hypnosis courses in London last summer. He hopes to use the proceeds from the self-hypnosis business for his main passion in life: setting up an Aids centre in Thailand to educate people on the

After lunch on the second day and still no dramatic result. Mr Brooks asks us to decide what we want to give up: smoking, drink-ing, eating? This is what many of the women have been waiting for, a miraculous way to shed that flab. Brian comes up to the front. He has been a heavy smoker since his wife died. Mr Brooks gives him hypnotised her every morning two images to think of when picks

up a cigarette. His father dying of chronic emphysema and then his children hugging him. Which would he prefer? The children. Brian begins to cry. He will nor smoke anymore. Mr Brooks is enthusiastic. "You're a human being." he says. "You deserve great love." The chorus takes There is an awed silence among

to a close, most people are feeling positive. Even Joanne is buoyant. Mario is not happy. "I have been waiting to feel an altered state of consciousness and I haven't," he says. But even Marlo is swonning addresses with the leggy nurse at the end of the afternoon.

the initiates. As the course draws

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# Foster but looser

л the corner of Theobalds Road and Southampton Row in central London stands Central St Martins, part of the London Institute grouping of art schools. The crossroads is a big one, with vistas to the north, south, east and west and Central St Martins is a big building. Made of granite and limestone, it was designed at the turn of the century by an associate of William Richard Lethaby, the arts and crafts architect and first principal of the school.

But since the early 1960s, one corner of the art school has been enveloped by an extension — concrete frame, slate-grey precast concrete panels, flat roof — the kind of and no ilimsy-looking building people only notice when they are looking for a scapegoat. And now, in the past few days, a further extension an extension to the extension, or a "remodelling", as the architect prefers to call it has been revealed as scaffolding is stripped away.

From the outside, it takes the form of a spectacular curved green glass blister at first-floor level, partly cantilevered and partly hung by cables out over the pavement below. The purpose of the 1960s extension was to house a theatre, the Cochrane, which was designed as a practice space for the theatre design students of the an school. The purpose of the remodelling is to extend the audience space in the theatre. The reason for this latest

flurry of activity at the Cochrane is that it has just become home to Talawa, London's first black theatre company with its own theatre. Formed in 1985 with a last-gasp grant from the Greater London Council. Talawa had been operating as a production company, putting on one production a year at various venues.

Then the company was invited to make a bid for some of the Arts Council money originally earmarked for the abortive scheme to convert the Roundhouse in London into a black arts centre.

People had been saying, Oh, there must be a home for black theatre'." says the company's Jamaican-born artistic director, Yvonne Brewster. "Instead of just bleating we decided to get on and do it."

The architect of the home of a black theatre company was determined to avoid any hint of "ethnic dogma"



Relaxed approach: Abiodum Odedina, the architect

The result is the remodelled Cochrane, costing nearly £500,000 pounds, and paid for with the Roundhouse money and a matching sum from the London Institute.

The architect of the remodelling is Abiodum Odedina of Robinson Thorne Architects, who left his native Nigeria to study at the school of architecture in Hull "It wasn't a very grievous decision on my part to come to England," he says. "It was only because I wanted a change." Now aged 31, he seems, in his design for the Cochrane, determined to avoid any hint of ethnic dogma. "I didn't want a lot of African masks hanging on

the wall. From the outside, his scheme, although relatively modest, is very much in the high-technology idiom estab-lished by, and internationally identified with, British architects such as Sir Richard Rogers, Sir Norman Foster: Nicholas Grimshaw and

Michael Hopkins.

The danger, Mr Odedina admits, was of ending up with three unrelated architectural units - the Grade II-listed original building, the 1960s extension, and the remodelling. The original building is serious and beefy, with arched ground floor windows and a heavy comice above. Before the remodelling, it was separated from the extension bu a narrow external corridor. Now, Mr Odedina has

united the two by glazing over the corridor, using the cornice as a support for the glazing. "We have tried to touch the original building as lightly as possible." he explains. Unfortunately, an ugly enclosed bridge linking the two buildings remains visible through the glass, Mr Odedina's budget would not allow him to replace the bridge - but he reaims - March 28 at 7.300m

unperturbed. "It has got to be seen as part of the evolution of the building," he says. "I think it is all right to show the story so far."

I nside, by removing a small balcony of 33 sears, Mr Odedina has been able to extend the first floor out over the auditorium. Taken with the extension

over the street, this has created enough room for a new. office and control room, as well as a much enlarged bar.
"It's a bit more complex than just wrapping a fancy window," he says. All the same, much thought was evidently given to the technical detail-ing of the curved wall of glazing — and the resulting views down New Oxford Street are breathtaking.

So is the internal colour scheme, described by Ms Brewster as "cheeky". Here, at last. Mr Odedina acknowledges the peculiarity of the building's new purpose. Walls, columns and ceilings are painted strong, pure col-ours — African colours. At one point, there is a junction red wall and an indigo wall: "It's not a magnolia scheme,"

as Mr Odedina puts it. So when the audience arrives for the first night of Talawa's first production, a week today, they should find themselves in a building as eclectic as the company it houses.

The contrast between the cool and rational structural alterations, and the warm, even hectic, interior has apparently disconcerted some of the art school staff. Mr Odedina's view is that "the effect of each is heightened by the other". He happily admits that he showed Camden's planners illustrations of Sir Norman Foster's new Sacider Gallery at the Royal Academy, to help to explain how a modern, high-tech intervention could be made to work in an older building. The difference, he likes to think, is that his work is "a bit more funky" than that of severe, monochromatic Sir Norman. "I love his stuff," he says. "I just think he should loosen up." •Talawa Theatre Company presents The Road by Wole Soyinka, the Cochrane Theatre. Southampton Row. London EC1, February 26 to

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# Political mutton dressed up as lamb

udwig Wittgenstein con-structed an entire system of philosophy on the impossibility of finding any single characteristic shared by everything which we call a game. The late professor could equally have chosen the word "news". News has no defining quality. Even the dictionary definition "important or recent interesting happenings" leaves obvious unanswered questions. What is important? What is interesting? What is recent?

What, even, is a happening? In the day-to-day running of a newspaper or a television news programme, this presents few practical difficulties. A news edifor who has to cogitate to see that "man bites dog" is a better story than "dog bites man" is not long for his metier. But the run-up to the general election is posing the

question in a way that has even the most instinctive news editors

groping for an answer.
On Monday this week, the Tory party held a press conference on Labour and the trade unions. Labour held one on the National Health Service. So did the Liberals. On Tuesday Labour held not one, two, three but four such conferences. None of these related to anything in the news. None was likely to produce much that strictly qualified as news. Only the most promiscuous political groupie would mind if they

were ignored in paper. Such press conferences used to be confined to the period of the general election itself. One argument frequently used to dissuade prime ministers from long campaigns was that the conferences would become boring. But in the campaign of 1991-92, such press

David Lipsey reveals the ruses and stratagems parties dream up to hijack newspaper headlines in the run-up to the election

conferences have been held already, most weekdays, since last summer. Their tedium is undisputed, even by most of those giving them. Should they never-theless be covered?

The parties are aware of the media temptation to say "no". Techniques abound for dressing up such events as "news". They

 The pseudo-policy. This consists of publishing a document of some kind setting out what the party will do in one policy area or another. Publication is the happening which is said to merit coverage. Were these genuinely new proposals, there could be no complaint. The difficulty comes when previously published poli-cies are reissued between fresh covers. Fresh covers have been a soft story about a party's pouring out of party headquarters proposals. by showing their althese last few months.

• The pseudo-study. The party publishes what purports to be a study of a subject rather than simply an expression of opinion. Thus Labour has this month produced a survey showing that unemployment has doubled in marginal constituencies, and the Tories last month a document "costing" Labour's pledges at £36 billion. The quality of the information is secondary to the quality of the headline sought. • The pseudo-poll. Both major parties release the results of

private polls. These are designed to give a hard fact that can lead off leged popularity. There is often a suspicion that the figures are rigged. Although newspapers can demand full publication of the poll, under the Market Research Society's code, it rarely happens. • The pseudo-poster. To get a picture published in the paper. the party unveils a poster, heralding the start of a poster campaign. There may only be one copy of the

The opposition parties are driven to such devices. The days when parties spread their message by word of mouth have gone.

Communication today is media sition party that creates problems since, by definition, oppositions cannot actually do anything that affects the real world. If they did not use such devices, they would constantly be reacting to govern-ment. Government would set the agenda, choosing those issues on which its ground was strongest. Should news media refuse to

play ball? Editors are accused of many things, but naïvety is not one of them. They of course know that they are being manipulated. But there are powerful arguments against boycott. In principle, most editors pay at least lip service to the demands of fairness and pluralism. In the case of the heavy newspapers and television news, it goes further. They take pains to maintain balance in news if not in comment.

In practice, there is no good alternative to reporting these events. Serious newspapers want to cover serious issues. It would seem arrogant for them decide which issues are most important, on which days and on which ground.

Each day, when newspaper executives assemble to debate the day's paper, they will groan to hear that party x is holding a press conference on issue y. Next morning their paper is nevertheless likely to report them. The best such reports will point out what is and what is not new, and will set the facts against the highflown claims of the parties. But not to report would be to claim the role for which Stanley Baldwin so effectively chided the press: power without responsibility . . . the prerogative of the harlot throughout the ages."

# Analytic overkill

James Hogan argues that current affairs programmes on TV are dying for a bit of human interest

work in current affairs and factual programming on television know only too well that a vital ingredient has been missing for some time, despite the huge amount of programmes that fall into this broad category. Behind the scenes, there is a sense of malaise among programme-makers that transcends the effects of economic recession or the structural changes in the industry. They are aware that the viewer is currently being served up a diet of programmes that is far too uniform and exclusive, with an over-emphasis on Analytical overkili.

There is nothing wrong with analysis. It is one way of telling the story. But it is not the only way or necessarily the best way. Too often selfconsciously analytical programmes, lacking any sign of visual flair, appear to shut out the viewer, conducting an esoteric dialogue with other similarly-minded programme-makers. Layer upon layer of analysis, within programme strands, produces needlessly dull and boring results. This has a deadening effect on the beleaguered viewer, who understandably jumps channels or switches

It is no accident that current affairs audiences have

slumped in recent years, placing channel controllers in the invidious position of choosing between airing important is-sues and maintaining a lead in the ratings.

The ability to attract and sustain high audience figures will be critical in the new world of broadcasting. The idea, still fashionable among some programme makers. that audiences do not matter is a dangerous fallacy that betrays a desire for unaccountability. High audience figures should be to producers what votes are to politi-

The real challenge is to maximise people's interest in current affairs and factual programmes. Up to now far too much energy has been spent on trying to rationalise away poor viewing figures. So what is missing and how do we fill the gap? First of all. we need to go back to basics and remind ourselves what

makes good television. The essence of good television is popular, accessible programming that illumi-nates, excites, informs and entertains. There is no reason programmes should not be entertaining and reach out to the widest possible audience. Indeed, in a plural democracy like ours it is essential that they should do so. Politics. like television, is about personalities and people's lives.



Three tears for Maggie: no one could deny the magnetic spectacle provided by the downfall of Mrs Thatcher

Some of the most gripping television has stemmed from equally gripping political dra-mas. No one could deny the magnetic spectacle provided by the downfall of Margaret Thatcher or the gradual slip-ping away of power from Mikhail Gorbachev after the abortive Soviet coup. Big events like these touch people, allowing programme-makers to break away from the set agendas and inject a more personal energetic less predictable style of coverage.

It is the raw material that is in short supply and often missing altogether: real people in tough situations. Instead of a surfeit of macroeconomic programmes viewers want to hear about the real economy; personal fi-nance; how people are coping with the recession; what happens to middle-mana when they lose their jobs. They want to see inside the health service, inside hospitals and doctors' surgeries. They want to hear about the reality of coping with Aids: just how easy it is to contract? How can they protect their children? And what will hapnen to the world if a cure is not found? They want to hear the inside story about education: how teachers really feel about being blamed for a variety of social disorders and the effects of Britain's two-tier educational system. They want to hear about transport: how road congestion is affecting people's lives, and the human and economic cost of

Of course, there are programmes that deal with these subjects but the craze for analysis, putting everything "politics" and "money", de-

wasted hours spent in traffic...

David Lloyd debates TV current affairs Melinda Wittstock on Capital News

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between these subjects. This approach frequently fails to follow through with the confrontations between those people most affected and the ision-makers.

Viewers are switching off because this analytical approzch creates dehumanised form of television that is ultimately neither very illuminating nor entertaining.

Viewers want to be more directly involved with programmes, using their experience to seek information, make a point or test an argument. There are not authority of programme-makers. But this puts the nearly enough programmes where the people who affect should be the enthusiastic, commitment to real-life curour lives or act as symbols are placed at the heart of the debate: not just politicians or rent affairs and factual programming coupled with imaginative story-telling. Risbusinessmen, but actors, aring audience figures and ap-preciation will follow. sportsmen and women, popstars, etc. Television's interactive potential should be exploited to a far greater extent, using votes, phone-ins and compenitions.

Analytical overkill has not

only been responsible for

denying the voice of the

James Hogan, former BBC editor of Question Time and This Week, and senior producer of Panorama and Newsnight, is now managing director of Broadstone Productions

mined the individuality of presenters. Chunks of analy-

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We need to develop a whole

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with all aspects of the pro-

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Up to now some people

have feared that the quest for

high audiences would distort

the truth and damage the

argument the wrong way

round. The starting point

subject matter.

# Mags dogged by recession

WHILE newspapers publish their circulation figures at the end of each month, maga-zines still reveal theirs every six months — often reluctantly.

Which is odd, because overali magazine publishing has some high spots in a generally bleak media environment. Busi-

ness titles dependent on recrultment advertising are in the doldrums, but some of the newly-released circulation figures for consumer titles are defying recessional gravity.

The women's weeklies market has grown 72 per cent in six years — from four big hitters to ten. The classic IPC four. Woman, Woman's Own, Realm and Weekly, have suffered. According to the Audit Bureau of Circulation, they all continue to record year-on-year losses from 6 per cent for Woman's Realm to 15 per cent for Woman's Weekly, which is now seriously under the

On the other hand IPC has carved out for itself the big-gest slice of the TV listings market. TV Fimes may be down 50 per cent, but in the newly de-regulated listings environment it is doing well to hold above the million. Radio Times is the single individual winner at 1.6 million but the tactical launch of What's On TV, designed toscupper the other newcomer, TV Quick, has been successful: its first July-December figure at 1,211,686 is within spitting distance of TV Times's 1,280,505. Most other IPC titles have declined.

Company has shown an 18 per COVER STORY cent increase across its six main titles since 1989. Jane Reed Terry Mansfield, managing direc-tor, is modest about the company's success: "We have a small num ber of titles and

> very precisely."
> Good Housekeeping, Cosmopoli-tan, Country Living, Harpers all showed Increases. But the biggest successes are the newly re-launched She (up 20 per cent to 283,731) and relatively new entrant House Beauti-

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ful (up 25.7 per cent to 271,319).
At Conde Nast they are celebrating, too. Not about advertising revenues, of super-glossies have shown an overall increase of 4 per cent. Vanity Fair has exceeded its launch target of 50,000; Vogue is up 5 per cent, Tatler 12 per cent; House and Garden and The World of Interiors were both down.

EMAP, the other magazine giant, has yet to release all its figures but, like IPC, circulations in its METRO division are down 15 per cent since 1989. In a mixed bag of ups and downs, the fall of 13.9 per cent for Just 17 is attributed to a decreasing market of young female teenagers.

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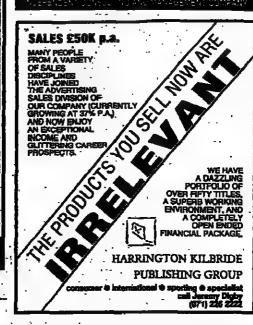
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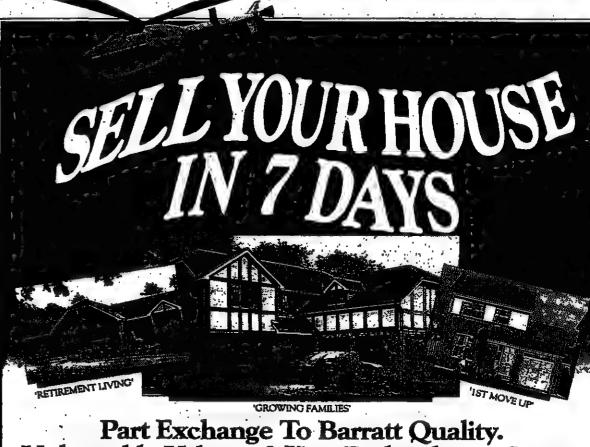
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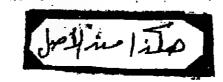
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finds a nice place to visit, but

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at the Ibstone after an hourand-a-half drive from London, toothbrush in hand. There was time to whize round the £152,500 house before dinner at a local Italian restaurant. The house

has a sitting room, dining room and kitchen, including ly shrank, but became cosier. Without a television, video,

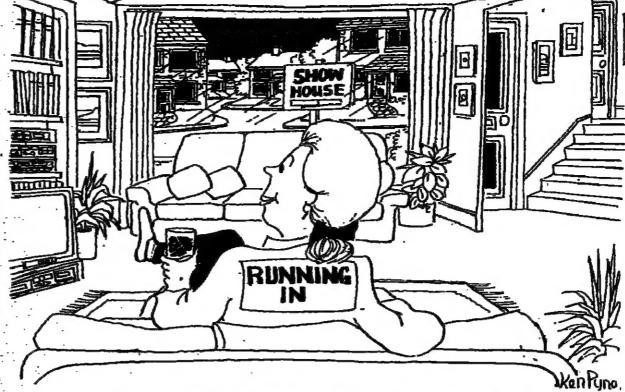
pent investigating the clues left round the house to give an impression of well-heeled happiness: the At Home cards (black tie) on the mantlepiece; the photo-graphs of skiing holidays in the bedrooms; the bottles of Clinique in the bathroom. Such details confirm the

a bay window, a separate utility room, a master bedroom with en suite shower, and three further bedrooms and bathroom. On return, my first, desire was to switch off some of the

lights. They are left on in a show-house as a sales ploy to enhance the sense of space and give an irrpression of upbeat cheerfulness. Outside, however, the spotlights could not be switched off. I felt as if I was in Alcatraz, until I drew the "rouched and floral-patterned" curtains. The rooms immediate-

or radio (they get micked) or interesting pictures to look at; (non-descript, rural), I perused the hardback editions of Wilbur Smith in the cabinet in the sitting room and flicked through copies of GQ and House and Garden, left ostentatiously on show.

Most of my show-time was



marketing men's dream of middle class bliss, and are best ignored if one thinks more seriously about buying

Some features of the house are better designed for a passing peramble than a longer stay. The overwhelming scent of pot-pourri would be hard to live with for more than a night. There were not enough waste-paper baskets, presumably because the sight of rubbish would be upsetting to potential buyers. (There were, though, hard hats in

the kitchen drawers for going ing, hot and plentiful water I was just a little suspicious of It was impossible to fix a the black substance also seeping out of the taps. drink; the bottles on the drinks tray were empty in I gave the master bedroom

miss, but in the guest bedroom I sank into the lace cushions and fell soundly like British Rail loos, bearing Next morning, there was

just time to discover that the toaster worked but that the plaited loaf on the table was stale. [I found fresh croissants in the cupboard). Then it was back to the office of The Times in London.

Whether one would buy the Ibstone show-house and its decorations naturally de-pends on individual taste and de gustibus non disputandum. The soft furnishings alone would cost £5,000 to £10,000 extra, but such houses are popular and there

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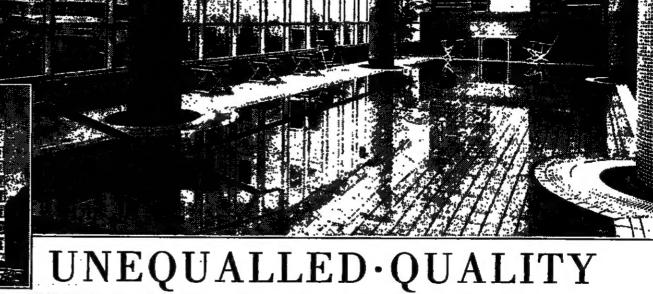
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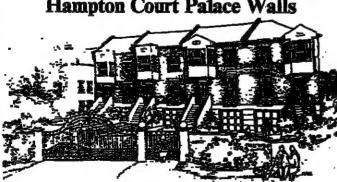
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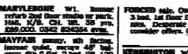
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# London waits a year for dawn

It will be 1993 before the London market begins to enjoy an improvement in its fortunes, Christopher Warman reports

he London office market has one more year to wait for an upturn in its fortunes, concludes St Quintin, the firm of chartered surveyors, in its winter briefing reports on the City and West End. Searching for signs of improvement, it describes 1992 as the year of "darkness before the dawn" and can see little cause for optimism before 1993.

In its analysis of the City market. St Quintin says that the amount of available office space rose to 15 million sq ft in December 1991, a vacancy rate of about 19 per cent.
A further 2.5 million sq ft of
available new space is due for
completion in 1992 before the development pipeline dries up

Take-up levels in the final quarter of 1991 were up by 33 per cent on the previous three months, largely the result of the letting of 367,000 sq ft at 175 Bishopsgate to the European Bank of Reconstruction & Development.

Andrew Farguhar, St Quintin's City agency partner, says that research showed that take-up levels in 1991 were down by 20 per cent compared with 1990, in a

year that saw the City's occupier base hit hard by the recession. The total was boosted partly by several large lettings to solicitors, who were drawn eastwards by the attractive rental packages and large modern units in the City.

St Quintin expects that take-up during this year will reduce the availability of prime new space in the City. By the end of the year, as tenant choice narrows, landlords' attitudes will harden and incentives, particularly rent-free periods, will become less generous.

"That said, the City is still a long way from any recovery in rental growth. Even when it comes, the downturn's legacy will be long-term changes in letting transac-tions and leases," the company

In the West End, available office space at the end of December stood at 10.2 million sq ft. representing a vacancy rate of 12.5 per cent. Of this space. however, about 19 per cent was still occupied, suggesting a degree of speculative marketing of sur-

plus accommodation.

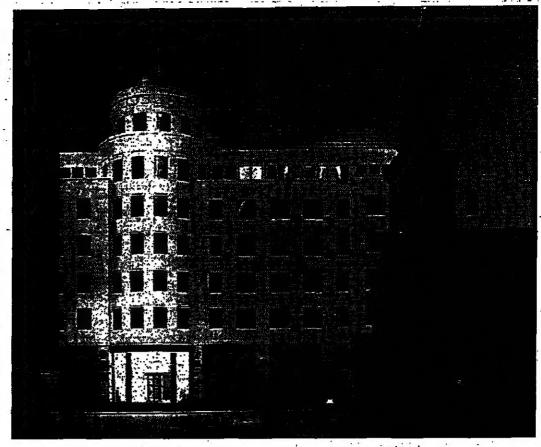
Although take-up increased significantly in the last quarter of 1991, up from 300,000 sq ft in

the previous three months to 502,000 sq ft, the figure was still 40 per cent down on the last quarter of 1990.

John Kent. St Quintin's West End office agency partner, be-lieves that the West End office market might soon reach the bottom of its latest cycle. He says:
"With new supply falling by 50 per cent in 1992, the year should see availability peak. However, high vacancy rates will persist well into 1993 and will continue to exert downward pressure on rental levels, while maintaining attractive incentives, particularly on secondhand and peripheral accommodarion."

He says that the property mar-ket is notoriously sluggish in response to economic trends, and it seems inevitable that a strong upturn is some months away, probably well into 1993. "In the meantime we expect rents to decline further, given the amount of space on the market, although it has to be said that the supply of new developments has now reduced to a trickle.

Concentrating its attention on the City fringe areas, the survey-ors' firm, Sinclair Goldsmith, be-



Development in the pipeline: A model of Henricita House, Henricita Place, W1, one of Henrietta House. Henrietta Place. WI, one of the BAA group, and Dutch insurance the largest new office schemes under construction in the West End, and due for completion in late summer. The scheme, providing 95,000 sq ft and Jones Lang Wootton.

lieves that office rental levels here, one of the parts of the market worst affected by the recession, seem finally to be showing some space have stabilised at around £22.50 a sq ft. On the western side (Holborn), now generally known as midtown, demand is strong and rents of about £35 a sq ft are still signs of bottoming out. In three of being achieved for new air-condi-tioned space. the worst hit areas — the north (Islington, Hackney), east (Tower Hamlets) and south (Southwark)

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months. Peter Goldsmith of Sinclair Goldsmith's City office explains that the severity of the

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recession, coupled with oversup-ply, has caused rents to drop dramatically over the past couple of years, from £35 a so ft to just over £20 a so ft, a drop of about 40 MARKET MOVES

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in the event of a dispute as to

nman interest. Howev

not appear that any argument had been addressed to the court. Although the draftsman of the been attempting to create a situation such as the Lord President had considered to exist in Grant v Heriot's Trust, there were difficulties in equiparating the circumstances in the two cases.

The Lord President had considered that the distinction between the law of common property and common interest had become quite well under stood since the writings of George Joseph Bell although it had not been very accurately understood

However, while that was undoubtedly true in the case of different parts of flatted tenements, his Lordship was not sure whether it was strictly accurate in

property commonly owned.
The fact that Lord M'Laren had taken a different view as to what would have been the effect on the common interest of a sale of the common property to a purchaser without special powers

suggested that there might still be suggested that there might still be grey areas in the field.

The alternative was that the grazing clause had conferred on the disponee no right additional to that which he had possessed under the conveyance, which of

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# Distinguishing common interest from common property

Fearman Partnership and Others v Grindlav fore Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Oliver of Aylmenton, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauneey of Tullichentle and Lord Browne-

[Speeches January 30] The language of a grazing clause had not in its context been apt to create a servitude right of grazing in the defender's predecessor in

ritle.
The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the defender, Mr lain Mackenzie Grindlay, from the Second Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session (the Lord Justice-Clerk (Lord Ross). Lord Dunpark and Lord Murray) 16, 1990, had allowed a reclaim ing motion by the pursuers, the Fearman Partnership and three parmers, from the Lord Ordinary (Lord Davidson) (1988 SLT 817). The Lord Ordinary, on May 3.

1988, had refused the pursuers a lecree de plano on their action for declarator, inter alia, tha Mr Grindlay had no right of grazing over the Cow Park, Fearman, Aberfeldy, Perthshire, and consequential interdict.

MrC. S. Haddow, QC and Mr

ground adjacent to it. He had agreed to sell the subjects to one Kennaway and to grant conveyances with Kennaway's consent to sub-

dated July 14 and 18, 1922, the Marchioness, as commissioner for the Marquess, with Kennaway's consent had disponed to the disponees mentioned in them one or more of the 15 control of the consent of the 15 control of the control of the 15 control

tained clauses for practical pur-poses in identical terms, the number of one twenty-fifth shares and cows varying according to the number of crofts or pieces of land discounts.

In 1929, the owner of three of the crofts had sought to pursue a division of the Cow Park as a commonty under the Act 1695 c38 according to the valued rent of the crofts. The Second Division had held that the Cow Park was

not a commonty: Macandrew v Crerar (1929 SC 699). Fifty years later, a number of the pro indiviso proprietors of the Cow Park had raised an action of division and sale. The resultant disposition by the defender to the oursuers of his one

twenty-fifth pro indiviso share had been executed on his behalf by the depute principal clerk of

the words of the relevant disposi-tion were not, in the circumstances, habile to create a

maintenance. Thus common in-terest was to be distinguished both from servitude and from

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Since Mr Grindley did not aver any other right to graze a cow, he had no answer to the pursuers motion for decree de

It was nerhans relevant to the clusion that the grazing clause had not created a servitude to consider what, if anything, it had achieved. There were two choices.

First, it had created in Camp-bell a common interest in the Cow Park, which he had shared with all the other pro indiviso pro-prietors. When he had disponed his share, his right of common interest in the Cow Park had come to an end.

access or an area or green for light or common use, whether such subjects were owned by a superior or by the owners as

the system of management the court would regulate it: Bell's Principles (10th edition (1899) para 1086). In Grant v Hertot's Trust Lord President Duri edin (at p659), after referring to that paragraph in Bell's Princi-ples, had said: "I see no difficulty in law in holding that the result of in law in holding that the result of these titles was not only to create a right of common property in the square and the street, but also to create a right of common interest in the individual houses. . ." Lord M'Laren, however, had expressed a rather different view (at p665).

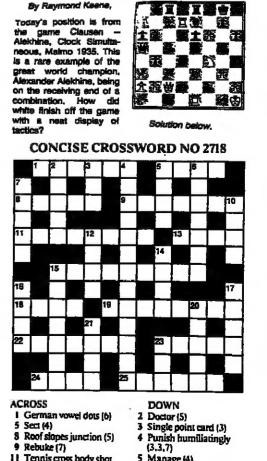
It was not necessary to decide which of the different approaches had been correct. What was clear was that in that case the court had been dealing with common interest arising from a single dispositive clause whereas in the present appeal it was the grazing clause rather than the dispositive clause that was said to create the

In Macandrew v Crerar Lord Anderson (at p713) had grazing along with the other co-Rather had the grazing clause sought to regulate the exercise by the proprietors of the rights of

grazing that they had possessed by virtue of their pro indiviso ownership, such regulation being designed to avoid the need to resort to the equitable jurisdiction of the court after the various *pro* indiviso proprietors had become

inteft in the subjects. Of the two alternatives, his Iship preferred the latter. Lord Keith, Lord Oliver, Lord Goff and Lord Browne-Wilkinson

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WINNING MOVE

# Deferral of request outwith department's powers

Jackson v Secretary of State for Scotland Before the Lord President (Lord Hupe). Lord Cowie and Lord

Sutherland Judgment January 8| Where the Civil Service condi-tions of service provided that if an ground of ill health, his case "will referred to the occupational health service at the earliest possible stage", a government de-partment was not entitled to defer such a referral of an officer pending the resolution of disciplinary proceedings against him. The First Division of the Inner

House of the Court of Session so held, allowing a reclaiming motion against an interlocutor of the Lord Ordinary dismissing a petition by Gordon Jackson for judi-cial review of a decision by the secretary of State for Scotland. Paragraph 10581 of the Civil Service Pay and Conditions of

Service Code Handbook (October 1989) provides: "If a department proposes to retire an officer for health reasons, or if an officer wishes to retire on grounds of ill health, the case will be referred to the occupational health service at the earliest possible stage."

Mr Colin Sutherland, QC, for the petitioner and reclaimer. Mr Arthur Hamilton, QC, and Mr Robert Reed for the secretary of

LORD COWIE said that the reclaimer had presented a peti-tion for judicial review of a decision by the Scottish Home and Health Department deferring an application by him to retire on the ground of ill-health from his post as governor-in-charge of Glenochil Young Offenders' In-stitution until disciplinary pro-ceedings against him had been

He had been suspended from his post as a result of an allegation that, inter alia, cannabis resin had been found in his possession, and preliminary disciplinary enquiries had been insti-tuted by the department under paragraph 10031 of the code. Subsequently he had been charged on summary complaint with offences under the Firearms

Act 1968. Before the disciplinary enquiries had been instituted, the reclaimer had suffered a myocardial infarction. While the disciplinary and criminal prowritten to the department formal-ly requesting medical retirement. In reply, the department had informed him that action upon his request would be deferred until both sets of proceedings had run their course. The fundamen-

tal issue was whether the department had been entitled to do so. That turned on the construction which was to be put on the terms of paragraph 10581 (which had been paragraph 10578 in the April 1984 issue of the code), bearing in mind that the code as a whole laid down procedures not only for retirement but also on disciplinary

The first reason relied on by the Lord Ordinary for reaching the conclusion which he had was that the provisions of paragraph 10581 were directory rather than mandatory. His Lordship did not find that approach very helpful in construing the paragraph.

While it might be that the use

of the word "will" hinted at that approach as being appropriate, the important fact was that the word had to be given its ordinary use in the Engl Looking at the terms of the

paragraph in that light his Lordship was of the opinion that the word "will" in its particular conreferred to "will occur". In other words it envisaged a future cer-In Rayfield v Hands (1960)

Ch 1, 3) Mr Justice Vaisey had indicated that the word "will" in the circumstances of that case suggested a "resultant prospec-tive eventuality". With respect. that seemed to his Lordship simply to be a rather ponderous way of describing a future certain event but it did convey the same meaning.

A more simple way of describing the meaning of the word "will" had been given by Lord Justice Fox in Inglewood (Lord) v IRC ([1983] 1 WLR 366, 371) where he had said: "The meaning is to some extent one of impression and we feel that as a matter of the ordinary use of English the word will in the context imports a degree of certainty. It suggests rigidity rather than flexibility".

His Lordship rejected the sug-gestion that the word in the present context implied an ele-ment of discretion. THE LORD PRESIDENT said that paragraph 10581 had to be read as an undertaking that the case would be referred to the medical advisory service, or the occupational health service as the case might be, at the earliest possible stage. It followed that the decision which had been taken by the department had been outwith

There were no indications that the paragraph was to be read subject to the provisions elsewhere in the code about disciplinary procedures and in that situation his Lordship thought that the wording of the paragraph had to be applied as it stood without qualification. Furthermore, the superannua

tion benefits to which the reclaimer had become entitled on his dismissal were substantially less than those to which he would have been entitled on his retiral on medical grounds. That showed that the effect of deferring action on an officer's request to be granted retirement

on medical grounds until any disciplinary procedures against him had run their course was to expose him to a penalty in regard to his entitlement to pension for which no provision had been

made in the list of disciplinary penalties in paragraph 10047. that an officer might be able to render the taking of disciplinary action against him pointless if. being of ill health, he submitted an application for retirement on medical grounds.

But it was not so obviously absurd for a person of ill health to be allowed to retire on medical grounds and obtain the benefit of his pension rights although disciplinary proceedings had been commenced against him that a construction of the code which had that effect had to be rejected. There was no doubt a question of balance here which had to be resolved at between what was reasonable of unreasonable. But

that was a question for the minister in the exercise of his rulemaking powers under paragraph 4(a)(ii) of the Civil Service Order in Council 1982, and in certain circumstances for the Treasury under section 8.2(ii) of the superannuation provisions (conditions of service code, annexe 1, paragraph 8554) not for the court. Law agents: Drummond Miller, WS: Solicitor to the Secretary of

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# Mañana may be too late



The Bear and the Bush, the traditional symbol of Madrid: perhaps someone should tell the city's leaders that a bear in the hand is worth two in the bush?

I you are invited to dinner at someone's home in Madrid. it is bad form to be too punctual. Turn up less than a half hour after the time you were invited for, and you are likely to find your embarrassed hostess in her bathrobe, making a last-minute check before putting on

It must have been some secret corollary of that rule which led the organisers of "Madrid: Cultural Capital of Europe 1992" to call their first foreign press conference a formight after the New Year had been rung in without benefit of official culture.

Fortunately for Madrid, culture is alive and well in spite of the official organisers. Always an active centre of theatre, even in General Franco's day, the home of poets, philosophers and writers ever since Cervantes and Lope de Vega, and the site of the incomparable Prado and hundreds of other museums and galleries, Madrid hums with culture without need of the special stimulus afforded by its

choice as Cultural Capital. Until recent times, music was its weakest cultural aspect, despite the fact that this city engendered and still nurtures the zarzuela or Spanish light opera. But it is now the home of two symphony orches-tras, and offers a wide choice of live music every day of the week.

What does it matter, then, that the organisers failed to publicise the inaugural concert at the new municipal theatre in the modern Vaguada area, a few weeks after Madrid's big year began? There are more concerts on the bill there, and plenty of others elsewhere, which do not suffer from the handicap of the Cultural Capital consortium's patronage.

Harry Debelius finds that the Spanish capital is getting off to a slow and confusing start in its year as City of Culture

Unlike Barcelona, which ap-pointed José Carreras musical director for the Olympics, and Seville, which gave Placido Domingo a \$1 million, two-year contract as its musical director, Madrid has not called on any bigname opera star to supervise musical activities during its special year. However, that may be a blessing. For the present, it has kept Madrid out of the feud between Carreras and the famous Spanish tenor he left out of the Olympic programme, Alfredo Kraus. So Madrid could presumably invite any or all three of them to sing in this Cultural Capital without fear of rebuff; and there is a chance yet that they might

This year, the Cultural Capital consortium promises 1,800 scheduled cultural events in the city, but for the most part the programmes are being issued only one month ahead of the events. Happily for those who like to do some advance planning, many of the events claimed by the Cultural Capital organisers are actually perennials. In any case, Madrid's success or failure as Cultural Capital will not be measured in numerical terms but in terms of the quality of the offerings, and that is impossible to preduct without a reasonably complete programme, which does not

The Von Thyssen collection, reputed to be the second most important private collection of paintings in the world (Queen Elizabeth's is the first), was to have

THEATRE

been a major draw. However, lovers of paintings had better book their trips to Madrid for very late in the year if they hope to see any of the 800 best works from that collection, since the Villahermosa Palace, where they are to be housed for the next 10 years by agreement between Baron Heinrich Von Thyssen and the Spanish government, is still being remodelled, and the museum will not open until the autumn at the

fter the Prado and the Thyssen museum, what was conceived as the third element in a trio of super-museums is the Queen Sohia National Art Centre, occupying a big 18th-century hospital building only a short way down the street from the other two. But the Queen Sophia museum, inau-gurated in 1986, has not yet defined its policies or its character: and, despite some costly and controversial modern touches the Queen Sophia building remains lustreless when compared with the Spanish Museum of Contemporary Art, from which most of its patrimony came.

"A year has passed since the appointment of Maria Corral as directress of the Queen Sophia National Museum and Art Centre," said a leading article in the Madrid daily El Pais recently. "and the situation is just as confusing and disturbing as it was when her predecessor. Tomas Llorens, was sacked. The reasons

adduced by Jorge Semprun, then Minister of Culture, for dismissing Llorens indicated there were strong disagreements about the concept of the permanent collec-tion defended by the latter. Now we do not even know what model it is trying to follow."

In October 1988, the reconstruction of the Testro Real, a big 19th-century theatre which had already been remodelled several times, began. The intention was to have it ready by 1991, as an opera house and concert hall, thus freeing the Zarzuela Theatre for the exclusive use of zarzuela productions. The Textro Real turned out to need far more work than anyone thought, but it is now expected to be seady by next year. In the meantime, zarzuela,

which for the past several years had to shorten its season in order to share the Zarzuela Theatre with opera, is being presented in the new Vaguada theatre, with 11 works scheduled at a rhythm of about one per month. That leaves the Zarzuela Theatre free for opera and other events.

Not all the oversights and delays are the result of incompetence. Some are the result of petty politics and a tight budget. The conserva-tive Popular Party (PP) calls the tune in the city of Madrid, but the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE) dominates the regional government as well as the national government, which is the source of a special budget for the Cultural Capital celebrations and a vital link in the transmission of handouts from the EEC. Madrid received six billion (£33.3 million) in public funds plus about nine billion pesetas (£50 million) from other sources. The problem was

how to spend it, on what or whom. By decree, the conservative Mayor Alvaro de Manzano is chairman of the executive committee of the consortium formed for the organisation of the Cultural Capital events; the Minister of Culture, the ex-communist Jordi Sole Tura, is first vice-chairman, and the Chief Minister of the region of Madrid, the socialist Joaquin Leguina, is second vice-chairman. Consensus among

them has not been easily come by. "In Barcelona and Seville they were smarter," wrote the journalist Pedro Blasco in a newspaper supplement on Madrid '92 prepared by the municipal govern-ment. "Here in Madrid there were too many disagreements, accusa-tions, fears of failure and even resignations."

There are indications that agreement has still not been reached. At the belated press conference, reference was made to certain special projects, including the audiovisual future of Europe" "the direction of attention to the world of music", and "support for initiatives to convert Madrid into a vital landmark in the world's artistic panorama." However, these sound like little more than intentions. A note distributed at that same press conference said, "All these special projects ... will be clarified in the coming months." One would hope so. Otherwise they may find themselves presenting the special projects in Antwerp, the Cultural Capital for 1993.

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# Trouble in the kitchen

LAST October, as Germany pre-pared to celebrate the first anniversary of the unification between East and West, the country was shocked by a firebomb attack on a hostel for foreign asylum-seekers in Hoyerswerda, formerly part of East Germany. As skinheads hurled bottles and stones at the terrified refugees inside, the whole town gathered outside the building and cheered. In response to this attack, in

which a three-year-old girl was burned almost to death, a campaign of concerts, posters and television commercials was launched with the motto "Ich bin ein Ausländer" (1 am a foreigner), echoing President John F Kennedy's famous expression of solidarity with the people of Berlin.

It is in this context that the comedy Dirty Dishes by the 28year-old English playwright Nick Whitby has been staged in Munich, Cologne and now at the Schiller Theater's studio space.

"Dirty Dishes" is a fashionable pizza restaurant in London run by the ruthless but incompetent Charly, who employs mainly illegal immigrant labour and displays a sweeping disregard for every regulation covering hygiene and conditions of employment.

Charly has sacked the kitchen staff due to work on Hallowe'en. the busiest night of the year at "Dirty Dishes", and much of the action in the first half of the play is concerned with his efforts to trick the day shift into working through the evening until 2am. With the help of a nice guy alter ego, James



In Charly's pizza restaurant: the staff revolt on Hallowe'en

**Dirty Dishes** Schiller Werkstatt, Berlin

(played, like Charly, by Sebastian Koch) and the adoring, eunuchlike head waiter, Pippa, Charly strikes a deal with this international rabble of drug addicts, losers and drop-outs. As the night wears on, however, the strain begins to tell on the workers and when they discover that Charly plans to cheat them, they murder him.

The director Katja Paryla, in her debut at the Schiller Theater, ingeniously creates the mixture of frustration and frenzy which characterises life in a restaurant kitchen, using a rock music soundtrack by Joe Bauer which parodies the the mindless, mechanical

rhythm of the immigrants' work. Arno Breuers's set is a steep wall made up of slabs of rusting metal with a couple of old stoves, a barrel and a rubbish bin arranged around a spiral staircase leading to the manager's office. In these unpromising surroundings the young cast maintains a lively pace

throughout, vividly portraying these loreign workers struggling to maintain their identity thousands

of miles from home. Outstanding performances come from Ivan Gallardo as Carlos, the Cuban macho whose anger at his predicament periodi-cally explodes into violence, and Peter Ebert as Valerio, a gloomy Pole in love with a barmaid who

doesn't even know his name. At the end of the play, Charly's alter-ego fames comes tripping down the stairs with the pretriest waitress on his arm. They have agreed to conceal the body of their murdered manager, but it is clear that life will go on exactly as before with the workers still trapped in the kitchen of "Dirty Dishes" -

which is the only security and the only community available to them.

Nick Whitby's play is a comedy with only the lightest social comment in it, but in the present climate in Germany it may help people to imagine more clearly the situation of the most exploited and derided social group in Europe today, its illegal immigrants.

DENIS STAUNTON

# EXHIBITION

# **Making sense** of flux

EVERY apparently encyclopaedic exhibition has some kind of programme lurking just below the surface. The giant show of Amerithe first stage of the conversion job Renzo Piano is doing on Fiat's modern-classic Lingono factory in Turin (the one with the test-track:

on its roof) is no exception. There has already been complaint in Italy that the show is pointless because it includes so many artists that it can spare space for only one or two works by each: Jackson Pollock comes, or ahead with as many as five, but they are all relatively small, and in general the really big works so characteristic of the Abstract Expressionist phase, which would look wonderful in the towering white space of the new gallery. are

strangely absent. It is, of course, a no-win situation, since any survey of this kind is bound to be rigorously selective. More to the point of criticism, surely, would be an argument with the criteria for selection, and disagreement with the hidden agenda behind them. In general, the show makes remarkable sense. of a period in American art that must be seen as one of constant transition and flux.

The show begins with the slightly unreal realism of painters such as Charles Sheeler and Edward Hopper, catching the urban and industrial scene at moments of lassitude and emptiness. It ends with Philip Pearlstein, Alex Katz and Alice Neel, whose relationship with what we perceive as reality is not in the end so different. Taken as a whole, the show seems to propose as a connecting thread a fluctuating relationship between

American Art. 1930-1970 Lingotto, Turin

American artists and representation. The outside world drifts in and out of focus, but it always casts

its shadow over the art, even of those who seem furthest from it. It is a scenario which may be disputed but cannot be dismissed out-of-hand. Along the way the organisers also manage to spring some pleasant surprises. They integrate manericks such as the sculptor Louise Bourgeois into the mainstream again. They nudge the memory with unfashionable figures such as Ivan Albright (represented by his Picture of Dorian Gray for the 1944 film). and show dubious figures such as Andrew Wyeth and Grant Wood - both sufferers from their inordinate popularity - at their very

They also pull off some peculiar triumphs of placement, like hanging Jack Levine's realistic String Quartette right next to Arshile Gorky's almost-abstract Garden in Sochi and leaving the spectator to recognise how similar are the painters' attitudes regarding the

basics of pictorial composition. In Britain, the next major survey coming up in the Royal Academy's ambitious series is "American Art of the Twentieth Century.". The organisers are sure to be looking at the Lingono show. It will be intriguing to see if they can manage to make so much sense out of their wider but not finally so

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